American Heart Association
Awardees by Program Type
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Beginning Grant-in-Aid

Asensio, Cedric PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: University of Denver
City/State: Denver, CO Project Title: Molecular Mechanisms Controlling the Biogenesis of Secretory
Granules Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $139,902

Crotty Alexander, Laura MD, BS
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Western States Institution: University of California, San Diego
City/State: La Jolla, CA Project Title: E-cigarettes promote bacterial virulence and are toxic to airway and host defense cells Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Fang, Longhou PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: Houston Methodist Research Institute
City/State: Houston, TX Project Title: LYMPHATICS, AIBP, AND REVERSE CHOLESTEROL TRANSPORT Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Gorniak, Stacey PhD, MS
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: University of Houston, Houston
City/State: Houston, TX Project Title: Elucidating the relationship between cortical hemodynamics and mild cognitive impairment in adults with Type II Diabetes Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $139,162

Guo, Wei BS, PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: University of Wyoming
City/State: Laramie, WY Project Title: The role of posttranslational modification of RBM20 in regulating titin isoform transition Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Hong, Tingting PhD, MD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Western States Institution: Cedars-Sinai
Medical Center City/State: Los Angeles, CA Project Title: Calcium Regulation at BIN1-Organized T-tubule Microdomains Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Huang, Guo PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Western States Institution: University of California, San Francisco City/State: San Francisco, CA Project Title: Molecular Control of Mammalian Cardiomyocyte Binucleation and Proliferation Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Lagor, William PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston City/State: Houston, TX Project Title: Arv1, mediator of lipid and energy homeostasis Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Rusin, Craig BSE, PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston City/State: Houston, TX Project Title: REAL-TIME PREDICTION OF ACUTE ARREST IN INFANTS WITH SINGLE VENTRICLE PHYSIOLOGY Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Scalzo, Fabien PhD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Western States Institution: UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine City/State: Los Angeles, CA Project Title: Perfusion Digital Subtraction Angiography in Acute Ischemic Stroke Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Sisley, Stephanie BS, MD
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Southwest Institution: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston City/State: Houston, TX Project Title: Elucidating Mechanisms of CNS Vitamin D Receptor Mediated Weight Regulation Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $140,000

Stamova, Boryana BS, MS
Program Type: Beginning Grant-in-Aid Funding Source: Western States Institution: University of California, Davis City/State: Davis, CA Project Title: Sexually Dimorphic Immune Response To Stroke And Association With Outcome Award Start Date: 1/1/2016 Award End Date: 12/31/2017 Total Years: 2 Total Award Amount: $139,775
Xu, Jian PhD  
**Program Type:** Beginning Grant-in-Aid  
**Funding Source:** Western States  
**Institution:** University of Southern California  
**City/State:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Project Title:** Arginine methylation of inhibitory Smads regulates TGF-b/BMP signaling and endothelial/epicardial transdifferentiation  
**Award Start Date:** 1/1/2016  
**Award End Date:** 12/31/2017  
**Total Years:** 2  
**Total Award Amount:** $140,000

Zarrinpar, Amir MD, PhD  
**Program Type:** Beginning Grant-in-Aid  
**Funding Source:** Western States  
**Institution:** University of California, San Diego  
**City/State:** La Jolla, CA  
**Project Title:** Cyclical Changes in the Gut Microbiome and its Effects on Dyslipidemia and Diabetes  
**Award Start Date:** 1/1/2016  
**Award End Date:** 12/31/2017  
**Total Years:** 2  
**Total Award Amount:** $140,000