MISSION ALIGNED RESEARCH

The AHA research program has tremendous impact. The new knowledge and advances that result from our research benefit millions of lives in every corner of the U.S. and around the world. Though we have made strides in tackling the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases and stroke, our work is not done. That is why we are committed to funding cutting-edge science and building careers in science and research impacting every aspect of cardiovascular disease and stroke prevention and cure.

ADVOCATES IN SCIENCE

AHA Office of Science Operations is committed to involving more voices from the lay community in all areas of business.

Lay representatives actively participate in peer review, guideline writing groups and on program Oversight Advisory Committees. Non-Scientist volunteers are members of the AHA Research Committee, Funding Subcommittee, Bioethics Subcommittee and the Research Leaders Academy.

LAY REPRESENTATION

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin
WHY YOU SERVE

“I was oblivious to the research and grant giving process before participating as a Lay Reviewer, so all information was new to me. I was most impressed that AHA includes lay people in the process - that they value our opinions, want to provide real-world view points for the researchers and grants being awarded, and help bridge the gap between scientists and patients. I enjoyed the entire process! I especially enjoyed meeting the scientists, learning about their specialties during meals and gatherings, and then hearing their expert opinions during the reviewing of awards. It was a little intimidating at first knowing we would serve alongside researchers and scientists that were experts in their fields. They were mostly down to earth, made me feel like part of the team, and seemed to value my input and comments on the cases I reviewed. Very valuable! I could not have imagined in advance what the entire experience would be like, but I was so glad I chose to participate as a lay reviewer and have a much better understanding of AHA’s mission, how volunteer stakeholders contribute to that process, and the team-approach to building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke with the partnership of AHA, researchers/scientists/, and lay people. I’m excited to participate in another peer review meeting soon.” Cheryl Batzing

RECOGNIZING OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS FOR 2016-2017

GO RED FOR WOMEN STRATEGICALLY FOCUSED RESEARCH NETWORK
Larry Sadwin  Debra Lockwood

STRATEGICALLY FOCUSED RESEARCH NETWORK- HEART FAILURE
William H. (Bill) Roach Jr.  Shaun Rivers  Kim Ketter

STRATEGICALLY FOCUSED RESEARCH NETWORK- OBESITY

STRATEGICALLY FOCUSED RESEARCH NETWORK- CHILDREN’S
William H. (Bill) Roach Jr.  Sally Powers  James Bischoff

MERIT AWARDS
Bernie Dennis  Deborah Krueger Pitts  Newt Williams

COLLABORATIVE SCIENCES AWARDS
Bernie Dennis  Marvis Donalson  Jang Jaswal  Cheryl Batzing

INSTITUTE FOR PRECISION CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINE

CATALYST AWARDS
Taj Ahmad Eldridge, PhD

AHA-BAYER INNOVATION AND DISCOVERY GRANTS
Jang Jaswal  Larry Sadwin (Alternate)
CALL FOR LAY REVIEWERS

Volunteers with a passion for research are welcome to contact Lay Stakeholder Initiative staff Elizabeth.Cooper@heart.org or Angela.McCarty@heart.org for more information on how their personal or community advocacy experience with heart disease or stroke, such as survivorship, a family experience, or being a caregiver, can add a voice to research projects.

*The volunteer stakeholder is an individual without formal training as a scientist or health professional but who has a strong interest in advancing the prevention and/or management of heart diseases and stroke.*

UPCOMING PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STRATEGIC PROGRAMS

- Merit Award
- Collaborative Sciences Award
- Strategically Focused Research Networks
  *Vascular Disease
  *Atrial Fibrillation

PRECISION MEDICINE

- Uncovering New Patterns and Uncovering New Patterns Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS/RESOURCES

- Look for a new online communication tool for training and interaction with other non-scientists.
- Patient Engagement - From Passengers to Co-Pilots: Patient Roles Expand Patients and Public: From subjects to partners
- Learn more about AHA Science