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CVRI Newsletter

Fall 2018

The CVRI is built on a great legacy of cardiovascular research.



A note from the Director

Xander Wehrens, MD, PhD

Dear CVRI members,

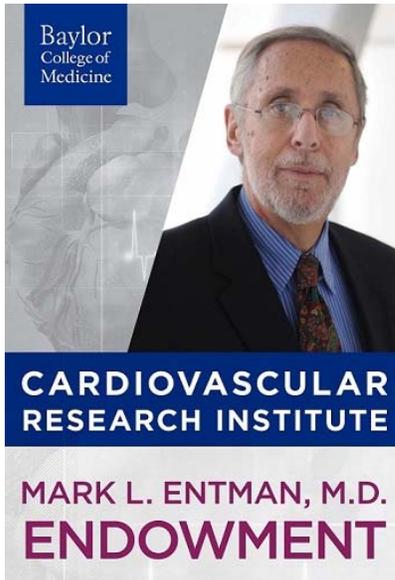
The Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) at Baylor College of Medicine wants to remind everyone that its mission is to serve as an avenue for increased collaborative research efforts. The institute aims to help improve the development of cutting edge cardiovascular clinical technologies and enhance cardiovascular educational programs.

The CVRI is built on a great legacy of cardiovascular research thanks to pioneers like Dr. Michael E. DeBakey (pictured above). Moreover, we are delighted to promote the [DeBakey Library and Museum](#) located right inside Main Baylor. I encourage everyone to visit.

The CVRI is proud of its ever growing membership and each member is vital to continuing the legacy of excellence. Therefore, we want to share successes, accomplishments and accolades achieved by our members with the CVRI community. Please notify us of awards won, presentations given, conferences attended, and/or featured news articles. Be sure to include photos! Email cvri@bcm.edu.



Share your latest news with us!



The CVRI promotes research in cardiovascular sciences across all disciplines and levels of training at Baylor College of Medicine and affiliate hospitals. [Click here](#) to view the video and hear CVRI director, Dr. Xander Wehrens, and associate director, Dr. Biykem Bozkurt, discuss the goals of the organization and promote an endowment in honor of Dr. Mark Entman.

Pilot Awards submission deadline is Sept. 17, 2018

The CVRI intends to fund 2-4 awards up to \$25,000 in unrestricted funds.

[Click here for more details.](#)

Now Accepting Applications

The **Cardiovascular Research Institute** (CVRI) at Baylor College of Medicine is pleased to announce pilot awards for proposals in cardiovascular research that will promote collaboration between investigators and are likely to lead to externally funded grants in the foreseeable future.

Deadline for submission is Monday, September 18, 2018.

Amount of funding:

- 2-4 awards up to \$25,000 will be made in unrestricted funds.

Timeline:

- Submit your proposal [here](https://orit.research.bcm.edu/R5T80IF3WH2/CVRI/Default.aspx) at <https://orit.research.bcm.edu/R5T80IF3WH2/CVRI/Default.aspx>.
- Funding for selected proposals should be available Oct. 2018 – Jun. 30, 2019. No extensions will be allowed.

Goal:

To promote the writing of multi-PI grants in the area of cardiovascular research (clinical, translational or basic). The expectation is that before the end of calendar year 2019, the co-PIs will submit a grant proposal for external funding (NIH preferred).

Eligibility:

- BCM faculty members who are members of the CVRI. Please visit <http://www.bcm.edu/cvri/membership> for more information.
- The initiative should utilize a multiple-PI approach, including two or more PIs, with primary appointments in at least two different BCM departments. Collaborators from other TMC institutions are allowed.

Application:

- Specific aims page
- Max of 6 pages of research plan with: significance, innovation, experimental design, timeline
- Biosketches of the PIs and other essential personnel
- Budget details

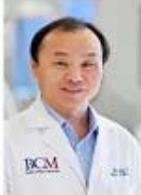


Seminar Series

Fall 2018

The CVRI conducts a monthly seminar series (lunch provided) during the spring and fall of each new year open to all interested faculty, trainees and students. Join us for the first [seminar](#), Sept. 12 in 301A at the Main campus.

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Huaizhu Wu, M.D.

Associate Professor, Atherosclerosis and Vascular Medicine
Baylor College of Medicine

Monocyte phenotypes and atherosclerosis in hyperlipidemia

September 12, 2018, noon – 1 pm

Room 301A, Cullen Building, Baylor College of Medicine, 1 Baylor Plaza



Thomas Cappola, M.D.

Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
University of Pennsylvania

Genomics and treatment of heart failure

October 10, 2018, noon – 1 pm

Room 301A, Cullen Building, Baylor College of Medicine, 1 Baylor Plaza



Wendy Chung, M.D., Ph.D.

Professor, Pediatrics and Medicine
Columbia University

Use of genomics to understand broken hearts and implications for clinical care

November 7, 2018, noon – 1 pm

Room 301A, Cullen Building, Baylor College of Medicine, 1 Baylor Plaza



Charles Lin, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Molecular and Human Genetics
Baylor College of Medicine

Targeting chromatin remodeling in cardiovascular disease

December 12, 2018, noon – 1 pm

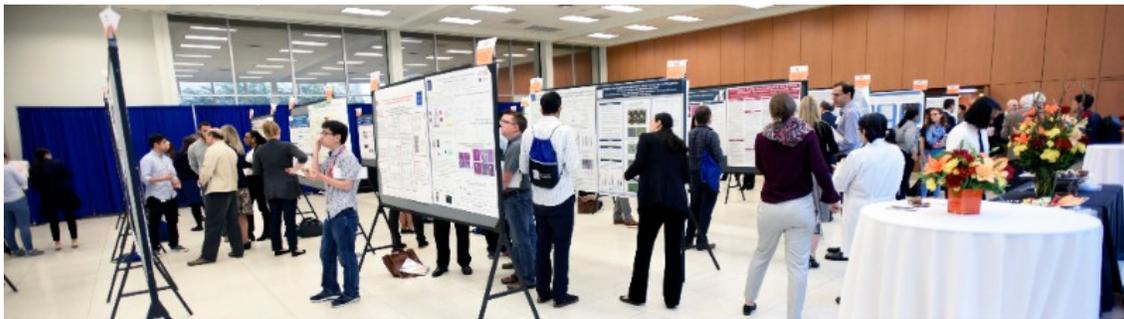
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American Heart Association 2018-2019
Research Funding Opportunities

Upcoming Events



The 2019 AHA Epi/Lifestyle Scientific Sessions will be held in Houston March 5-8, 2019 at The Westin Galleria. Members are highly encouraged to submit abstracts on epidemiology and prevention and/or lifestyle and cardiometabolic health to showcase the great work CVRI is doing locally. Note the abstract submission deadline is October 17, 2018 at 11:59 pm CST. [Click here](#) for more details. For abstracts selected to present, please contact cvri@bcm.edu to include the official CVRI logo on the poster to maximize our presence.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
7th Annual CVRI Symposium

Featured keynotes:

Mariell Jessup, MD, AHA Chief Science and Medical Officer

Mark Sussman, PhD, San Diego State University

News

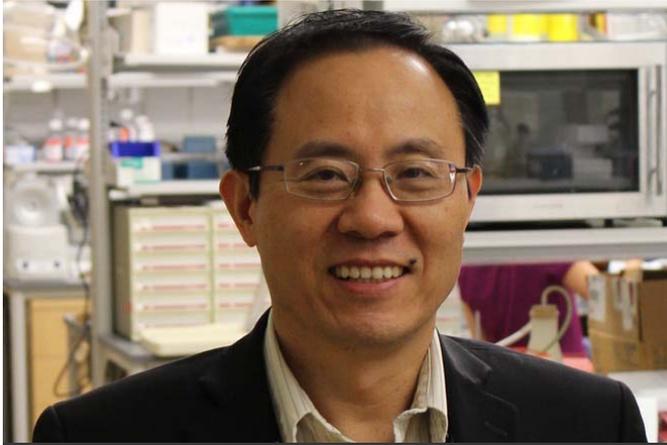
Congratulations to CVRI Associate Director, [Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD](#), who has been appointed president-elect of the [Heart Failure Society of America](#). She will serve as president-elect for the 2018-2019 period and president for the 2019-2020 period.



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[Johnny Chen, MD, PhD honored by International Academy of Cardiology](#)

[Cardiovascular Surgery recruits CVRI member, Tarah A. Word, PhD](#)



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