

# Monthly Update

4 – February 2019



## REMINDER!

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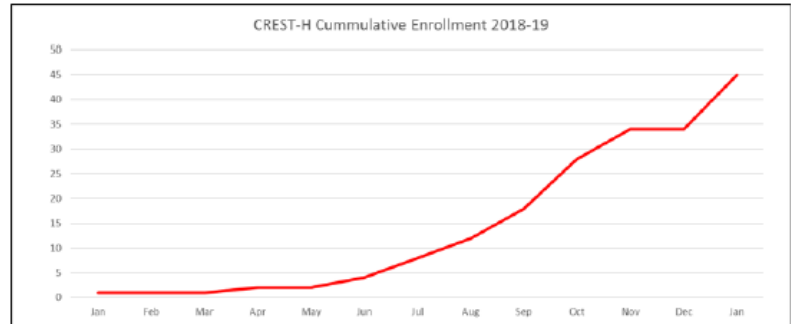
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PAST-TIME	Jason McMullan, Opeolu Adeoye, Nerses Sanossian	Acute	5-November study section
ARCADIA -CSI	George Howard, PhD Maarten Lansberg, MD/PhD Ronald Lazar, PhD Kevin N. Sheth, MD David Tirschwell, MD	Acute	5-November study section
IMPACT	Andrew Naidech	Acute	6-November study section
VERITAS II	Sepideh Amin-Hanjani	Prevention	6-November study section
IACQUIRE (formerly IRIIS)	Warren Lo, Sharon Ramey	Recovery	August 2018 study section
SPLASH	Jose Suarez, DaiWai Olson (contact PI)	Acute	October 2018 submission
CAPTIVA	Brian Hoh PI, Marc Chimowitz Co-I	Prevention	October 2018 submission
FURRTHER	Bernadette Boden-Albala	Prevention	November 2018 resubmission
COAST (CASH)	Adnan Qureshi	Acute	February 2019 submission; per WG 1-Nov-2018
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SUCCESS	E. Sander Connolly Jr., John D. Lambris, Jan Claasen	Acute	In concept development – possibly February 2019; waiting for Saver input, per WG 1-Nov 2018
PRECISE MRI-T2	Natalia Rost, Shyam Prabhakaran, Rebecca Gottesman, Clinton Wright	Prevention	In concept development
NEPTUNE (ARCADIA ancillary study)	Ajay Gupta, Hooman Kamel	Prevention	In concept development until all ARCADIA sites are up
Claassen	Jan Claassen	Acute	In concept development; per WG 1-Nov 2018.
CIAT RCT	Jerzy Szaflarski, MD	Recovery	In concept development; per WG 1-Nov 2018.
TACOCAT (COAT)	Brett Cucchiaria, MD Scott Kasner, MD	Prevention	In concept development
SCOUT (Ancillary to Sleep Smart)	Sandeep P. Khot, Martha E. Billings	Recovery	In concept development; per WG 1-Nov 2018.
WISC-R	Matthew Durand, Robert Dempsey, Allison Hyngstrom, John McGuire	Recovery	In concept development; per WG 1-Nov 2018.
ERSIAS	Nestor Gonzalez, Jeff Saver	Prevention	In concept development
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ICAS	David Hasan	Prevention	In concept development
Emokpae	Lloyd Emokpae, Roland Emokpae, Nelson Emokpae (LASARRUS Clinic and Research Center)	Recovery	In concept development; verified 1-Nov 2018
PERFUSE-ICAS	S. Yaghi, P. Khatri, D. Liebeskind, S. Prabhakaran	Acute	In concept development; awaiting contact from ASWG via J. Saver, per WG 1-Nov 2018
STEP-STONE	C. Meinzer, C. Derdeyn, P. Khatri	Acute	In concept development; preparing budget for ESC review, per WG 1-Nov 2018
SIMVICH	C. Chen, A. Southerland, K. Johnston, B. Worrall, N. Naval, D. Ding	Acute	In concept development
SCORE	David Hasan	Acute	In concept development; could be prevention
IMAGING U	David Hasan, Edgar Samaniego	Prevention	In concept development
VERIFY	Pooja Khatri, Steve Cramer	Recovery	In concept development; on schedule to go to ESC in the next few weeks, per WG 1-Nov 2018.
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RHAPSODY 2	Patrick Lyden, Kent Pryor	Acute	In concept development; bypassing ASWG for ESC discussion to determine whether or not to require SPAN, per WG 1-Nov 2018
URIC	Enrique Leira	Acute	In concept development; on hold by the NINDS – redirected to SPAN initiative, per WG 1-Nov 2018
MATRICES	Maarten Lansberg, Greg Albers, Albert Yoo, Sam Zaidat	Acute	In concept development (no CSP on file) on hold until EVT platform is created, per WG 1-Nov 2018
ETHER	Stephan Mayer	Acute	On hold for EVT Platform
SERENE (ASSIST + SEACOAST)	Radoslav Raychev, Dimiter Arnaudov, David F. Kallmes, (Radiology) Alejandro Rabinstein, (Neurology) Jeffrey Pasternak, (Anesthesiology) Rickey Carter, (Biostatistics)	Acute	On hold for EVT platform
HEMERA	Italo Linfante, Raul Nogueira	Acute	On hold for EVT platform
ALISAH 2	Jose Suarez	Acute	
Tempo-EMS	Nerses Sanossian, William Meurer, Jeffrey Saver, David Hess	Acute	Hold for now; per WG 1-Nov 2018.
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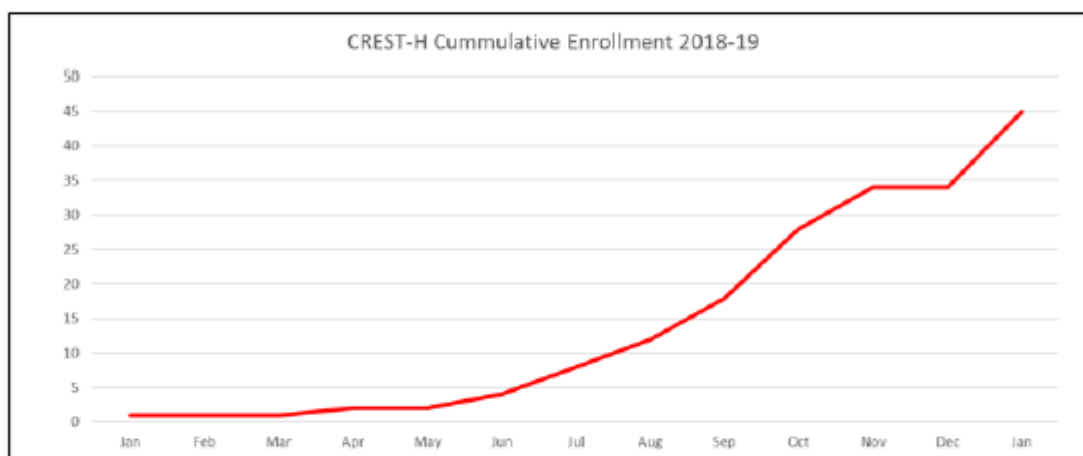


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## StrokeNet Employment Opportunities

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The chosen candidate for this position will be appointed as an Assistant Professor (or higher commensurate with experience) on the Clinician Educator Track. He/she will participate in the clinical activities within the MUSC Stroke Program including rounding on the Inpatient Stroke Teaching Ward Service, the Stroke Consult Service, Outpatient Stroke Clinic, and the Telestroke consult program. The successful applicant must be board-eligible or board certified in general neurology and have completed ACGME-fellowship training in Vascular Neurology. Excellent communication skills, ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary setting, and experience teaching vascular neurology fellows, house-staff and medical students, as well as experience with clinical trials are desired.

For more information, please contact Dr. Tanya Turan, Stroke Division Director at [turan@musc.edu](mailto:turan@musc.edu) or 843-792-3020.



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### **Fellowship Training Opportunity Announcement**

The University of Pittsburgh, Department of Neurology is now accepting applicants for a year 2020-2021 research training fellowship supported by the NIH StrokeNet program ([NIHStrokeNet.org](http://NIHStrokeNet.org)). StrokeNet is a research network of 29 regional stroke centers funded by the NIH/NINDS, these centers work with nearby satellite facilities and have teams of researchers representing every medical specialty needed for stroke care. The network addresses three areas of stroke research: prevention, treatment and recovery.

The specific aims of this project include promoting stroke related research and developing future practitioners who are interested in promoting and participating in stroke related research. Goals also include fostering the development of close mentorship ties, protection of research time, pursuit of research training, and generation of preliminary data necessary to apply for additional scientist development training grants. This program is therefore aimed at promising applicants who are seeking a career that includes clinical or translational research in stroke. Unlike longer training programs, this program is focused on identifying a single year that will allow the time and support to compete effectively for longer training opportunities. It is expected that at the end of the fellowship, the trainee will be prepared to submit applications for national, peer-reviewed funding mechanisms and continue their research. The recipient will have the opportunity to work with the NIH StrokeNet to develop a research plan.

This opportunity is open to any fellow interested in stroke care. This is a research focused training opportunity and at least 75% of the recipient's time will be based in research training, project development and other activities supporting stroke research.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. For the purpose of this fellowship, research includes specifically designed trials studying prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation in stroke and may include translational research.
2. The applicant should be interested in an academic career with independent research funding. The award is available for members in all disciplines (physicians, advance practice nurses, PharmD, DPT, PhD researchers, etc.) and is geared for fellows but early career individuals will also be considered who are interested in stroke research.

## **AWARD**

The fellowship will be awarded to one (1) applicant for one (1) post-graduate year. Support for the applicant includes salary and training activities. Supplementation of the stipend with other grants, fellowships, or by the institution is permissible, but fellows may not accept another source of support for more than 25 percent of their salary.

Through University of Pittsburgh and UPMC resources we can provide:

1. Mentorship by an established investigator
2. Career development with specific goals and an identified research project
3. Research training curriculum through the Institute for Clinical Research Education
4. Protected research time by the department of at least 75%

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent. The letter should include a description of the applicant's goals for a research career, their qualifications for beginning training in research, a description of their potential project, and a strategy for completing the proposed project.
2. Identification of a potential mentor(s) including the mention of the mentor's qualifications and area of expertise. A description of how the mentor's expertise will tie into the project should be included if the mentor's area of research is dissimilar from the project. Mentors can be located at any institution as long as a clear mentorship plan is outlined.
3. A strategy for transitioning this work to a longer funding opportunity.
4. A letter of support (1 page) from a previous mentor.
5. Current CV including any publications from the last 2 years.

## **EVALUATION AND SELECTION**

Letters of intent will be reviewed and selected by the StrokeNet University of Pittsburgh Training Director.

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<http://www.nihstrokenet.org/education/employment-opportunities>

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