



# Wake Forest Pepper OAIC: Research Education Core

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# Research Education Core

- Develop early career faculty from a variety of backgrounds into independent scientists with an interest in aging

# REC Scholars receive

- Salary support
- Research project support including priority access to other Pepper core services
- Team mentoring
- Support for internal and external education opportunities

*RFA for new Wake Forest Pepper Center  
REC Scholars to be released in February*

# REC Training Activities

- REC-specific activities
  - Writing workshop (bi-weekly)
  - Leadership lunches (quarterly)
  - Geriatric Assessment Boot Camp (annual)
- Other aging-specific educational opportunities:
  - Aging Center Seminar Series (bi-weekly)
  - Geriatric Fellows Core Conference (weekly)
  - Aging Center Journal Club (monthly)
  - GeriPal Literature Boot Camp (summer; landmark articles)
  - University of Florida's Online Gerontology Graduate Program

# Past and Current REC Scholars

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| Christy Carter, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2000-2004               | Raghunatha Yammani, PhD<br>(Molecular Medicine), 2006-2011 | Tan Zhang, MD, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2014--2017                  |
| Pairoj Rerkpattanapipat, MD<br>(Cardiology), 2002-2004       | Susan Butler, PhD (Otolaryngology),<br>2009-2012           | Kathryn Callahan, MD, MS<br>(Geriatrics), 2014-2018             |
| Matteo Cesari, MD, PhD<br>(Geriatrics), 2002-2005            | Hang Shi, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2009-2012                   | Candace Parker-Autry, MD<br>(Urogynecology), 2015-2020          |
| Capri Foy, PhD (Public Health<br>Sciences), 2002-2006        | Tina Brinkley, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2010-2012              | Sunghye Kim, MD, MMSc (General<br>Internal Medicine), 2015-2017 |
| Hal Atkinson, MD, MS (Geriatrics),<br>2003-2008              | Katherine Saul, PhD (Biomedical<br>Engineering), 2010-2013 | Rita Bakhru, MD, MS<br>(Pulmonology), 2016-                     |
| Tongjian You, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2004-2006                 | Kyla Shea, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2011-2012                  | Amber Brooks, MD<br>(Anesthesiology), 2017-2018                 |
| Jingzhong Ding, MD, PhD<br>(Geriatrics), 2004-2008           | Anthony Molina, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2012-2015             | Jamie Justice, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2017-2018                   |
| Kaycee Sink, MD, MS (Geriatrics),<br>2005-2007               | Christina Hugenschmidt, PhD<br>(Geriatrics), 2013          | Sam Lockhart, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2018-2020                    |
| Denise Houston, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2005-2008               | D. Clark Files, MD (Pulmonology),<br>2013-2015             | Jason Fanning, PhD (Health and<br>Exercise Science), 2019-      |
| Heidi Klepin, MD, MS (Hematology<br>and Oncology), 2006-2009 | Kristen Beavers, PhD (Geriatrics),<br>2014-2015            | Hariom Yadav, PhD (Molecular<br>Medicine), 2019-                |
| Erica Hartmann, MD (Nephrology),<br>2006-2009                | Snezana Petrovic, MD, PhD<br>(Nephrology), 2014-2017       |   |

# Success of Current and Past REC Scholars

- 28 of the 32 current/past REC scholars remain in academics
  - 6 professors
  - 10 associate professors
- 29 of the 32 current/past REC scholars have received NIH funded grants
  - 10 K01/K08/K23/K76  
(2 Beesons)
  - 26 R01s
  - 14 R21s
  - 7 R03s (3 GEMSSTARs)
  - 4 U01s (Co-PI clinical center)
  - 3 M01s (field center PI)
  - 4 P30s (core leaders)
  - 5 R56s
  - 1 R25