

2020-2021 COM Student Research Fellowship During COVID-19

TO: UNE COM faculty, staff, and students

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These are indeed unprecedented times. Due to COVID-19, there is a moratorium on all University of New England budgets and the on-campus student research had to be cancelled. As a result, the Peter Morgane Student Research Fellowship and the Carmen Pettapiece Student Research Fellowship have been cancelled for AY 2020-2021. However, the UNE COM Research and Scholarship Committee and UNE COM Student Professional Development Committee of the Student Government Association would like to congratulate the UNE COM students below on a **well-written application** for the 2020 COM Student Research Fellowships.

We are pleased to acknowledge that the research proposals of these students achieved the review scores to be considered Peter Morgane Student Research Fellowship-worthy and the Carmen Pettapiece Student Research Fellowship-worthy. These students were encouraged to contact their research mentor to identify the feasibility of pursuing their project or an alternative project either during this summer or at a later time sans funding (if COVID-19 restrictions relax allowing commencement of research).

In light of having their application to be found meritorious, students will include the fellowship on their CV under "Awards and Honors" but with the added caveat that "*Due to COVID-19, funding was withheld for all medical student research projects*".

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to these students on a well-written application!

Carmen Pettapiece Research Fellowship - Worthy

Student	Class	Project Title	Primary Mentor(s)	Affiliation
Alyssa Ahern	2023	Transgender and Gender Diverse (TGD) Inclusive Curriculum in Radiological Graduate Medical Programs: A Literature Review Analysis	Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD	UNE COM Division of Geriatrics
Selina Bowler and Victoria Berger	2021	Measuring the Impact of International Short-Term Medical Mission Trips Using Glycemic Control in Patients with Diabetes	Christopher Boni, DO	UNE COM Clinical Site - Berkeley Heights, NJ
Jordan Lemme	2021	fMRI connectivity in Post-Traumatic Headaches	David Borsook, MD, PhD	Boston Children's Hospital-Harvard Medical School
Taxiarhia Arabatzis; Jennifer Marsidi; Christina Supino	2021	Gender differences in perceived examination performance and post-examination depression in medical students	Ryan Mathew Smith, DO, MS, PhD	UNE COM Department of Primary Care-Psychiatry
Daniel Minukhin	2023	Increased Empathic Ability Through the Use of Virtual Reality	Elizabeth Dyer, MLIS, AHIP	UNE COM Department of Library Services
Cassandra Izzo	2023	Effects of TTR gene transfer in Alzheimer's Disease APP mice	Rita Batista, PhD	University of Massachusetts Medical School Department of Neurology

Bianca Zarrella	2023	Stabilizing a Model for Noncontact, Low-Frequency Electromagnetic Field Based Cell-Signaling	Mark E. Brezinski, MD, PhD, CPT	UNE COM Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
David Pastuna	2023	Investigating the Role of CD4+ T cells in the Spinal Cord of Mice with CIPN	Diana Goode, PhD	UNE COM Department of Biomedical Sciences
Ryan Healy	2023	Spinal cord inflammation in Tat induced HIV-associated sensory neuropathy, a bioinformatics analysis	Ling Cao, MD, PhD	UNE COM Department of Biomedical Sciences
Camille LeBlanc	2023	Comparison of legacy beliefs between parents and their adult children as end of life intervention	Tom Meuser, PhD	Center for Excellence in Aging & Health, UNE
Brandon Gibson	2023	Witnesses of Paradoxical Lucidity in Advanced Dementia: Witness Interviews Focused on Episodes Occurring in Healthcare vs. Home Settings	Tom Meuser, PhD	Center for Excellence in Aging & Health, UNE
Ananna Kazi	2022	Determining Prevalence, Correlates and Patterns of Elder Abuse in a Sample of Bangladeshi Immigrants in New York City	Mark E. Brezinski, MD, PhD, CPT	UNE COM Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Ian Graf	2023	Personality, Health Behaviors, and Health Outcomes in the Legacy Scholars Program Participants	Tom Meuser, PhD	Center for Excellence in Aging & Health, UNE
Mary Garside	2023	Witnesses of Paradoxical Lucidity in Advanced Dementia: Witness Interviews Focused on Brief and Long Duration Events	Tom Meuser, PhD	Center for Excellence in Aging & Health, UNE
Cassidy Cunningham	2022	Comparing Patient Outcomes Following Ketamine Administration For Acute Agitation with Standardized and Decreased Doses in the Prehospital Setting	Laurel O'Connor, MD	University of Massachusetts Medical School
Amy Lin	2023	Veteran to Veteran Maine Program	Marilyn R. Gugliucci, MA, PhD	UNE COM Division of Geriatrics
Kevin Counterman	2023	A Genetic Testing Registry for Maine Medical Center's Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Clinic	Thomas Q. Reynolds, DO	Maine Medical Center/Tufts University School of Medicine
Ethan Collins	2022	GIS Assessment of the Opioid Burden in the 'North Country' of New York State	Victoria Stacey Thieme, DO	UNE COM Department of Primary Care
Samuel Stratton	2021	Smartphone-based Fundus Ophthalmoscopy Project	David J. Ramsey, MD, PhD, MPH	Lahey Hospital & Medical Center; ASAPROSAR Clinic
George Walbridge	2023	An exploratory study to assess a profile of clients of the Portland Needle Exchange	Stuart Damon, DO, MS	UNE COM Department of Primary Care