



**April 1-3, 2020**  
**The Bethesda Hotel**  
 8120 Wisconsin Avenue  
 Bethesda, MD 20814

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

<b>Pre-forum</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>CME hours</b>
Completed prior to forum	The NIH Review Process (webinar)	Martica Hall, PhD	0.5
Completed prior to forum	Specific Aims Do's and Don'ts (webinar)	Andrew W. Varga, MD, PhD	0.5
Completed prior to forum	Refining your NIH Biosketch (webinar)	TBD	0.5
<b>Wednesday, April 1, 2020</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>CME hours</b>
2:00 PM	Welcome and Introduction	Azizi Seixas, PhD	Not applicable
<b><i>Plenary Session: Aspects of Being a Good Scientist</i></b>			
2:15 PM	Building your Professional Brand and Personal Statement	Michael Grandner, PhD	0.5
2:45 PM	Collaboration and Team Science	Sairam Parthasarathy, MD	0.5
3:15 PM	Writing and Submitting a Scientific Paper	Ronald Szymusiak, PhD	0.5
3:45 PM	Getting the Most Out of the Mentor/Mentee Relationships	Indu Ayappa, PhD	0.5
4:15 PM	<b>Break</b>		
<b><i>Data Blitz: Trainee Elevator Pitches</i></b>			
4:30 PM	Elevator Pitches	Trainees and Faculty	Not applicable
6:30 PM	Healthy Spirits Networking	Trainees and Faculty	Not applicable
<b><i>Networking Dinner</i></b>			
7:15 PM	Getting the Most Out of the YIRF	Azizi Seixas, PhD	Not applicable
7:35 PM	Service and Funding Opportunities	James A. Rowley, MD	Not applicable
7:50 PM	Academic Career Q&A	Suzanne Bertisch, MD, MPH	Not applicable



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<b>Thursday, April 2, 2020</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>CME hours</b>
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>		
7:45 AM	Today's Agenda	Suzanne Bertisch, MD, MPH	Not applicable
<b>Plenary Sessions: National Institutes of Health</b>			
8:00 AM	Update on NIH Policies	Michael Twery, PhD	0.5
8:30 AM	Sleep Funding Mechanisms at the NIH	Aaron Laposky, PhD	0.5
9:00 AM	NIH Grant Competition	Marishka Brown, PhD	0.5
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>		
9:45 AM	Who's Who at NIH?	Representatives from various Institutes and Centers of the NIH Moderator: Marishka Brown, PhD	Not applicable
11:30 AM	Small Group Session I	Trainees and NIH representatives	Not applicable
12:00 PM	Small Group Session II	Trainees and NIH representatives	Not applicable
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Plenary Session: Other Funding Sources</b>			
1:15 PM	Foundations and Other Funding Sources to Support your Research	TBD	0.5
<b>Grant Proposal Blitz: Specific Aims Presentations</b>			
1:45 PM	Group 1	Moderators: TBD	2.25
	Group 2	Moderators: TBD	
	Group 3	Moderators: TBD	
	Group 4	Moderators: TBD	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Off-site Dinner TBD</b>		



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**Friday, April 3, 2020**

Time	Presentation	Speaker	CME hours
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>		
<i>Mock Grant Review Session: Study Sections</i>			
8:00 AM	Study Section A	Chair: M. Safwan Badr, MD, MBA Faculty: TBD	2.25
	Study Section B	Chair: Sigrid Veasey, MD Faculty: TBD	
	Study Section C	Chair: Ronald Szymusiak, PhD Faculty: TBD	
	Study Section D	Chair: Ruth Benca, MD, PhD Faculty: TBD	
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>		
<i>Plenary Session: The Academic Environment</i>			
10:30 AM	Negotiating for an Academic Position	Ruth Benca, MD, PhD	0.5
11:00 AM	Balancing Research, Teaching, Clinical Care, and Family	Sigrid Veasey, MD	0.5
11:30 AM	Thriving in Academia	M. Safwan Badr, MD, MBA	0.5
12:00 PM	Certificate Ceremony and Closing Remarks	Azizi Seixas, PhD	Not applicable
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Conclusion of the 2020 Young Investigators Research Forum</b>		