

Imagine: A World Without Type 1 Diabetes

November 2021 Newsletter

Dear DRC Family,

As we begin to reflect on all that has happened in the world over the past 18+ months, it is even more incredible to share the progress that the Diabetes Research Connection (DRC) has made. Despite the global pandemic, despite the decline in donations, and despite the fact we have been unable to be together in person, we are fighting to end Type 1 Diabetes more than ever before.

We must end this disease, and to do that, we need to all commit to finding the best and brightest early-career scientists in the nation and provide seed funding for their promising research. We must invest in novel ideas, with the most promise, to ensure a future where nobody has to hear “You have Type 1 Diabetes.”

I am pleased to share that the DRC is relentless in this pursuit. In fact, in 2021, we have received, reviewed, approved, and funded more research projects than any other time in DRC’s history. As we look to the end of 2021, we can proudly share with you, our most generous supporters, the progress that we are making.

In our first round of research grant applications this year, we funded more projects than ever before, with 8 projects focused on cures. Projects from Miami to San Francisco, focused on pregnancy complications and T1D, to studies of genetic markers, and more.

Our second round of 2021 applications just concluded on August 31 and we received an unprecedented response from scientists. We sought

out applications, and innovative ideas, and as a result, we received 23 Letters of Intent, and of those we had applications from 10 first-time institutions, including Mayo Clinic, Oregon Health, and Science, and UCLA. We plan to fund a minimum of 6-10 new projects this period and, as a result, will make the single largest investment in early-career scientists in our organization’s history.

This is something we should all celebrate, but we aren’t done yet. Reviewing these applications is a complex and thoughtful process. Our 50+ scientific reviewers are the best of the best across the U.S. We depend on these extraordinary volunteers to ensure that the most critical science is being selected for DRC funding. Once reviewed and approved, we begin fundraising to support these exciting research projects and we need your financial support for these projects to be successful.

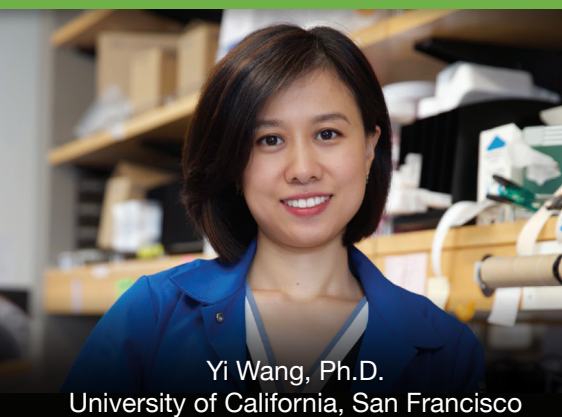
Unfortunately, we have more scientific studies vying for funding than we have dollars to support. With your donation, we can fund more research in our pursuit of prevention, better treatments, and a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Please join me in celebrating our success so far and recommit to promising research and DRC’s mission to realize a future without Type 1 Diabetes.

In gratitude,



Karen Hooper
Executive Director
Diabetes Research Connection

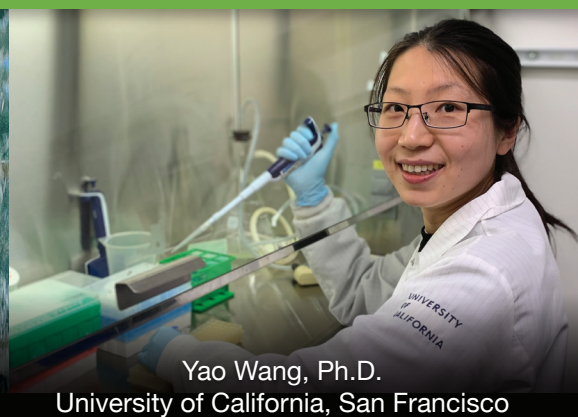
Meet some of DRC’s Newly Funded Researchers!



Yi Wang, Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco



Flavia Pecanha, Ph.D.
University of Miami



Yao Wang, Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco

Learn More About All of Our New and Exciting Projects!

diabetesresearchconnection.org/projects/

Ways to Connect to DRC

In honor of National Diabetes Awareness Month in November, we are doing some exciting things:

- We are publicly debuting our organizational film, Imagine a World Without Type 1 Diabetes, starting on November 1st. So watch it live on our YouTube Channel.
- Carruth Winery is featuring DRC in their Corks for a Cause campaign, where they will donate .05 of each wine purchase made online or in-person at all three of their locations (Solana Beach, Little Italy & Carlsbad) from November 1st- December 31st.
- On November 9th, 2021 you're invited to stop by Carruth Winery's Solana Beach location between 6 pm-9 pm at 118 S. Cedros Ave, #C as a percentage of sales will be donated to fund our mission. Bring a friend and buy some wine to support a good cause.



This month we are reflecting on how THANKFUL we are for you! DRC could never fund the most innovative type 1 diabetes research without the support of our community. This year we have seen our partners advocate for us in new and creative ways. As we value innovation, we want to share a story of an incredible individual who went above and beyond in her efforts to support DRC!

Dinner Fundraiser for DRC

By Tiana Lavin, DRC Advocate, Supporter & T1D



Finding DRC was so exciting because they share my vision and provide a straightforward strategy where I can see a place for myself in the role of progressing forward with a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. By connecting with those like myself who are passionate about curing autoimmune disease, with the scientists who need funding for their research, we can help collectively in achieving this goal. As much as I wish I could fund all of these studies and find the cure as quickly as possible, it can be overwhelming to think of donating as much money as I would like for these projects. I love food and I love to cook, so I decided to create a fun event bringing people together to cook and eat together. I used my social media page to invite friends to attend a Middle Eastern Cooking event and charged \$15 per person. I explained in my post that I would donate \$5 for every attendee to DRC and tagged them so others could read about the organization and would use the rest to cover the cost of the food. To my surprise, many people were eager to support, some even donated more than I had asked! It was my first time hosting an event like this, but I would love to continue to host more in the future. ***I would encourage anyone who is looking to support a project to try this concept if they are looking for a fun way to support an important cause and meet others with the same goal!***

You Can Make a Big Impact Today!



Are you wondering how can you make a BIG impact? A generous donor has pledged \$100,000 as a matching gift for the rest of 2021. Please consider making your annual tax-deductible donation to DRC this year, and it will be matched dollar for dollar. Double your donation today!

How To Make A Donation

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Donate By Check:

Send a check in the enclosed envelope, specify which project or make it out to the "General Fund."

2



Go To Our Website:

DiabetesResearchConnection.org
Click the orange Donate button in the upper right-hand corner.