



CdLS Foundation

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Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation Awards Research Grants

Three researchers will share \$33,750 in funding awarded by national nonprofit

Avon, CT – (September 22, 2014) As part of its 2014 Small Grants Program, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation awarded \$33,750 to researchers studying various aspects of CdLS.

The top three applications were awarded a total of \$33,750. The funded projects are:

- Anne Calof, University California, Irvine, *Therapeutic Intervention in a Mouse Model of CdLS*: \$15,000
- Zsolt Toth, University Southern California, *The role of NIPBL and cohesin factors in the regulation of innate immune response against viral infections*: \$15,000 (Dr. Toth is a new researcher to CdLS)
- Boashan Xu, Stowers Institute for Medical Research, *Targeting translation in Cornelia de Lange Syndrome human cells with L-leucine*, \$3,750

Researchers will present their findings at the seventh biennial CdLS Scientific Symposia, in June 2016, in Orlando, FL.

For more information about the CdLS Foundation or to make a donation, call 800-753-2357 or visit www.cdlsusa.org.

About CdLS

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births. An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have CdLS but remain undiagnosed and/or without support services. Individuals with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, though most have similar physical characteristics including small size, hands and feet; thin eyebrows that meet in the middle; long eyelashes; upturned nose; and thin, downturned lips. Some individuals have limb differences, including missing fingers or arms.

About the Foundation

Founded in 1981, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a family support organization that exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS, promote research into the causes and manifestations of the syndrome, and help people with a diagnosis of CdLS and their families make informed decisions throughout their lifetime.

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