
Resident Research Scholarships for 2010 awarded

Four American College of Surgeons Resident Research Scholarships for 2010 were awarded by the Board of Regents in February. The scholarships are offered to encourage residents to pursue careers in academic surgery and carry awards of \$30,000 for each of two years, beginning July 1, 2010. These scholarships are sponsored by the Scholarship Endowment Fund of the College.

The recipients for these scholarships are as follows:

Sara J. Runge, MD, resident in surgery, University of California, San Francisco.

Research project: Genetic modulation of vascular smooth muscle phenotype and intimal hyperplasia.

Jesse Daya Vrecenak, MD, resident in surgery, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Research project: Early gestational gene transfer to mammary epithelial stem cells and potential clinical, biological, and biotechnology applications.

Filip Bednar, MD, resident in surgery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Research project: Cancer stem cells in genetically engineered mouse models of pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

Stefan S. Kachala, MD, resident in surgery, Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY. (Research to be performed



Dr. Runge



Dr. Vrecenak



Dr. Bednar



Dr. Kachala

at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY.)

Research project: Regionally administered TLR7 agonist augments lung cancer antigen targeted T-cell immunotherapy.

The requirements for these

research-oriented scholarships offered by the College for 2011 will be published in a later issue of the *Bulletin*. This information will also appear on the College's scholarships Web page, at <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html>.