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**Lymphoma Research Foundation Awards More than \$1.62 Million
in Lymphoma Research Grants**

Grants Focus on Early Career Investigators and Expand Offerings in Follicular Lymphoma Research

New York, NY – The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) – the nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to funding innovative lymphoma research and serving the lymphoma community through a comprehensive series of education programs, outreach initiatives and patient services – today announced that it has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.62 million as a part of its 2016 research portfolio. This year’s grants are not only targeted at retaining the best and brightest young medical minds in the field of lymphoma research, but also include Follicular Lymphoma Pathways Grants, designed to support high-quality research studies capable of furthering the understanding of follicular lymphoma and/or its diagnosis and treatment. The grants provide support for projects aimed at exploring the role of novel treatment options, immunotherapies, transplantation procedures, and the clinical trial process, in addition to the further study of a wide variety of lymphomas themselves.

“We are confident that the research programs that we are able to put forth today will have an incredible promise for impact and yield meaningful results for lymphoma patients, caregivers, and loved ones across the country,” said Dr. Leo I. Gordon, Chair of the LRF Scientific Advisory Board. “The research grants that the Lymphoma Research Foundation have funded are indicative of their continued drive to lead the way for young researchers, putting the Foundation at the forefront of the future of research.”

This year’s research portfolio also includes allocations for the third class of grantees for the highly competitive Lymphoma Clinical Research Mentoring Program. This unique program offers mentoring and education to hematology/oncology fellows and junior faculty dedicated to clinical research in the field of non-Hodgkin and Hodgkin lymphoma. Program participants, called LRF Scholars, attend and participate in a week long intensive introductory workshop and follow-up programming intended to enhance their abilities to successfully design and administer clinical research studies and secure future grant funding. In fact, for the second year in a row, one LRF Scholar, Jonathon B. Cohen, MD - Winship Cancer Center, Emory University (Atlanta, GA), has obtained an LRF Career Development Award, signaling a continued professional commitment to lymphoma research and clinical care.

“We have never been more hopeful that the research actualized through these grants will have a direct impact on the patients, caregivers, and loved ones served by the Lymphoma Research Foundation,” said Meghan Gutierrez, Chief Executive Officer of the Lymphoma Research Foundation. “Each year, we continue to explore groundbreaking avenues of research as we strive to lead the way in innovative science for the benefit of the lymphoma community. Our focus on young investigators is complemented by the projects from established investigators seeking to better understand the biology of lymphoma, representing a continued commitment to our mission of eradicating this disease.”

The 2016 class of Foundation grantees include:

Clinical Investigator Career Development Award 2016 (\$225,000 each over three years)

Jonathon B. Cohen, MD - Winship Cancer Center, Emory University (Atlanta, GA)

Matthew McKinney, MD - Duke University Medical Center

Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants 2016 (\$105,000 each over two years)



Pilar Dominguez Rodriguez, PhD - Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University (New York, NY)

David Quach, PhD - Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)

LRF Clinical Research Mentoring Program 2016 (\$10,000 each over two years)

Lapo Alinari, MD, PhD - The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)

Connie Batlevi, MD, PhD - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY)

Natalie Galanina, MD - The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

Alex Francisco Herrera, MD - Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope (La Jolla, CA)

Peter Riedell, MD - Washington University in St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Gita Thanarajasingam, MD - Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN)

LRF Follicular Lymphoma Pathways Grant 2016 {\$450,000 each over three years }

Leandro Cerchietti, MD - Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University (New York, NY)

Hans-Guido Wendel, MD - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (New York, NY)

For more information about lymphoma or the Foundation's research portfolio, visit:
lymphoma.org/research.

About the Lymphoma Research Foundation

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to funding innovative research and serving the lymphoma community through a comprehensive series of education programs, outreach initiatives and patient services. To date, LRF has awarded more than \$58 million in lymphoma-specific research. For additional information on LRF's research, education and services, visit lymphoma.org.

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