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About the RFDP
The RFDP is a collaborative initiative of UMMS-Baystate’s Office of Faculty Affairs and Office of Research to train faculty in effective research design and grant-writing to broaden Baystate’s investigative and external funding capabilities. The RFDP curriculum combines didactic lectures, workshops, small group discussions, and a mentored pilot grant proposal.

Inaugural Scholars — 2018

**Stephanie Daly, MD**
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Research Topic: Diagnosis of trauma and stressor-related disorders in children
Mentor: Nancy Byatt, DO, MS, MBA
Associate Professor of Psychiatry and ObGyn at UMMS

**Sharon Holley, DNP, MSN, CNM**
Clinical Associate Professor of ObGyn

Research Topic: The response of women’s triage units to low-risk pregnant women in active term labor
Mentor: Tiffany A. Moore Simas, MD, MPH, MEd
Associate Professor of ObGyn, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry at UMMS

**Ruben Vaidya, MBBS**
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Research Topic: Volume-targeted ventilation vs. pressure limited ventilation in resuscitation of premature infants
Mentor: Lawrence M Rhein, MD, MPH
Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UMMS

**Jaime Hernandez-Montfort, MD, MPH**
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Research Topic: Myocardial recovery after temporary or acute mechanical circulatory support for cardiogenic shock
Mentor: Robert J. Goldberg, PhD
Professor of QHS and Medicine at UMMS

**Marvin Morris, MD**
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Research Topic: Geographic and demographic variables not yet identified that may indicate populations at-risk for abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture
Mentor: Andres Schanzer, MD
Professor of Surgery and QHS at UMMS

**Thomas Lincoln, MD**
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Research Topic: Treatment of opioid use disorder in the incarcerated and former incarcerated post-release
Mentor: Peter D. Friedmann, MD, MPH
Professor of Medicine at UMMS-Baystate
Professor of QHS at UMMS

**Michael Tirabassi, MD**
Assistant Professor of Surgery

Research Topic: Appropriateness of current response to “Tip Appendicitis”
Mentor: Max Paul Rosen MD, MPH
Chair and Professor of Radiology at UMMS