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Media Advisory: NIH ORWH to Host 2018 Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health Meeting

WHAT: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) will host the 2018 Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Meeting, an opportunity for young investigators, their mentors, and other research scientists to present research results and engage in mentoring and networking activities. Each year, NIH provides grants to institutions to support junior faculty (known as BIRCWH scholars) in interdisciplinary research and career advancement.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EST

WHERE: NIH Main Campus, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Bethesda, MD 20894

This year's program will include two new components:

- The inaugural **Ruth L. Kirschstein Memorial Lectureship**, which will honor Dr. Kirschstein's legacy as the first woman director of an NIH Institute and discuss the importance of mentorship in career development. Jeanne-Marie Guise, M.D., M.P.H., of Oregon Health & Science University, in Portland, OR, will deliver this keynote address titled "Mentoring Is Medicine: Now More Than Ever."
- A panel of national experts discussing **Sex as a Biological Variable curriculum development**.

The 2018 BIRCWH Annual Meeting will include podium presentations showcasing BIRCWH scholars from the following institutions:

- **Tufts Medical Center, Boston**, Molecular Cardiology Research Institute
- **Harvard Medical School, Boston**, Department of Psychiatry, Department of Neurobiology
 - **Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston**, Depression Clinical Research Program
 - **Boston Children's Hospital**, F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Institute for Trauma Recovery, Department of Anesthesiology

- **University of California, Davis**, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Biostatistics; and Department of Human Ecology, Center for Mind and Brain

LEARN MORE: For more information on the BIRCWH program, visit <https://orwh.od.nih.gov/career/mentored/bircwh/>.

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***About NIH's ORWH:** ORWH serves as the focal point for women's health research at NIH. It is the first public health service office dedicated specifically to promoting women's health research within, as well as beyond, the NIH scientific community. The office also fosters the recruitment, retention, reentry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers. For more information about ORWH, visit www.nih.gov/women.*

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