

## AARDA's Virginia Ladd Young Researchers Program Funded Projects

<b>2018 &amp; 2019 Winners</b>			
(\$20,000 given each year)			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
Stephany Tzeng	Johns Hopkins	\$20,000	"Biomimetic Biodegradable Particles to Expand Protective Regulatory T Cells and Prevent Autoimmune Diseases"
Beth Wallace	University of Mich.	\$20,000	"Glucocorticoid Prescribing Within A Cohort of Veterans with Rheumatoid Arthritis"
Eliza Tsou	University of Mich.	\$20,000	"BET Bromodomain Proteins in Scleroderma Fibrosis"
Lior Brimbergs	Northwell	\$20,000	"A Therapeutic Strategy to Neutralize Maternal Autoantibodies Aiming to Protect the Developing Fetus"
Tarun Sharma	AHN	\$20,000	"Rheumatoid Arthritis Biologic Tapering Initiative (RABTI): A Real World, Prospective, Cohort Analysis of Biologic Tapering in Stable, Well-Controlled Rheumatoid Arthritis by Implementing A Multi-Faceted Tapering Strategy"
<b>2016 Winners</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
William Baran	Johns Hopkins	\$20,000	"Unique Functionality of Heart Resident Innate Lymphoid Cells on Autoimmunity."
Toshihiro Tanaka	UC Davis	\$20,000	"Mechanism of Gender Bias in Primary Biliary Cholangitis"
Jolien Suumond	Feinstein Institute	\$20,000	"Studies of Systemic and CNS Lupus"
Paulina Chalan	Johns Hopkins	\$20,000	"On the Association Between Serum Soluble CTLA-4 And Hypophysitis Secondary to Ipilimumab Administration"
Marcela A. Ferrada	NIH	\$10,000*	"Immunological Basis of Relapsing Polychondritis In A Mouse Model" *(Matched Grant came from Relapsing Polychondritis)
<b>2015 Winners</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Institute</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
Jobert G. Barin	Johns Hopkins	\$10,000	"Neutrophil Extracellular Traps Regulate Autoreactive T Cell Responses"
Myoungsun Son	Feinstein Institute	\$10,000	"C1g-Based Therapeutic Opportunities to Block HMGB1 And RAGE In SLE"
Denise L. Faustman	Mass General Hospital	\$10,000	"Mapping and Identifying the Specificity of Newly Created Monoclonal Antibodies to TNFR2 For the Expansion of Human Tregs"