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F3@E Graduates First Cohort of Women Entrepreneurs

Last month, the Female Founders Forum at Emory (F3@E) celebrated the graduation of its first cohort, comprised of seven Emory researchers.

F3@E intends to support the entrepreneurial development of female-identifying and nonbinary faculty who are launching a start-up company to license and develop their invention.

“This first graduating F3@E cohort is an exemplar of how diversifying the research ecosystem leads to more innovative outcomes,” said Todd Sherer, director of Emory’s Technology Transfer Office (TTO). “By creating more inclusive opportunities, we’re enhancing our ability to improve the lives of people who drive innovation and benefit from its uses.”

The graduation is the culmination of a yearlong series of events that provided mentorship, training, and comradery to cohort members. In addition to speaking engagements, the events provided guidance on topics such as understanding intellectual property, technology development planning, and conflict of interest.

At the graduation ceremony, each cohort member presented on their respective innovation and reflected on the benefits of participating in F3@3.

See below for pictures of cohort members alongside Senior Vice President for Research (SVPR) Deb Bruner and Director of Technology Transfer Office (TTO) Todd Sherer, as well as the title of each presentation given by cohort members at the graduation.



Rebecca Levit
Assistant Professor of Cardiology
Emory School of Medicine

"Orami: Delivery to the Heart"



Sarwish Rafiq
Assistant Professor of Hematology and Medical
Oncology
Emory University School of Medicine

Levit presented on Orami, a epicardial hydrogels and hydrogel delivery system to more precisely deliver therapies to the heart.

"An 'All-in-One' Platform to Manufacture Superior CAR T Cells"

Rafiq discussed the development of an MCB platform that provides on-board and controlled delivery of cytokines and enables rapid and tunable fabrication of large libraries of CAR T cells with varying therapeutic phenotypes.



Louise Hecker
Associate Professor of Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine

"Fibronox: Revolutionizing Treatments for Fibrotic Disease"

Hecker discussed the approach of Fibronox, LLC to develop small molecular inhibitors for treatment of fibrotic disorders.



Cassandra Quave
Associate Professor of Dermatology
Emory University School of Medicine

"Verdant Scientific, Inc: Silencing Atopic Dermatitis"

Quave presented on a non-steroidal, plant-derived topical cream developed to treat atopic dermatitis.



Chunhui Xu
Professor of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

"Small Molecules for Cardioprotection Against Chemotherapy-cardiotoxicity"

Xu discussed the need for limited therapeutic options for chemotherapy-induced cardiotoxicity, specifically the use of cardioprotective small molecules.



Rasheeta Chandler
Associate Professor
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

"Savvy Her"

Chandler provided a walkthrough of Savvy Her, a mobile application that uses geofencing to help women find resources for HIV testing and prep.



Elaine Fisher
Professor
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

"Talent Trace: For Improved Matching of Candidates to Jobs"

Fisher outlined the benefits of Talent Trace, a program to more efficiently and precisely match candidates with employers.