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## **Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals announces 2016 grant funding to 10 physician-scientists**

CLEVELAND, Jan. 20, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The [Harrington Discovery Institute](#) at University Hospitals (UH) in Cleveland, Ohio has announced the 2016 recipients of Harrington Scholar-Innovator Awards. The awards support breakthrough work of physician-scientists whose discovery research shows promise of advancing the standard of care.

The Harrington Discovery Institute – part of The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development - provides a novel model that fills an unmet need in academic medicine to advance discovery into the clinical realm. Its focus on physician-scientist innovators from around the world based purely on merit creates opportunity regardless of institution affiliation.

In addition to financial support (up to \$700,000) awarded to each selected physician-scientist, the Institute offers continual mentoring and expertise by leaders in the pharmaceutical industry charged with fostering pragmatic drug development. Mentors with the Institute's Innovation Support Center offer guidance around target validation, commercial development and FDA regulatory strategy. While working with the Institute, physician-scientists (and their institutions) retain the intellectual property (IP) for their work.

"This intense, hands-on support is considered by our scholars the most important aspect of their engagement with us," said Jonathan Stamler, MD, Director of the Harrington Discovery Institute, who also is Director of the Institute for Transformative Molecular Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. "We are serious about accelerating cures and cultivating a network of physician-scientists across the nation and around the world who are on the front lines of drug development."

Scholars have access to several rounds of capital support to further the transition into the commercial realm. Scholars also can approach investors of their choice to support the advancement of their work to proof-of-concept and eventual clinical trials, or they can have facilitated access to BioMotiv, the mission aligned development company of The Harrington Project, although there are no obligations on either side.

"Many in health care consider that the drug development pipeline is broken," continued Dr. Stamler. "We focus on physician-scientists because we know that they are compelled to do this work, driven by their commitment to the patients they treat every day. Their passion is the fuel, and then we provide support, structure and wise counsel from seasoned experts in the field. This combination is what makes our approach so unique."