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### **New Jersey Health Foundation Awards Over \$1 Million to Advance Research Throughout NJ**

New Brunswick, NJ—New Jersey Health Foundation (NJHF) has awarded more than \$1 million in its latest funding cycle to advance health-related research in New Jersey, announced President James M. Golubieski.

In a competitive call for applications that garnered 175 submissions, NJHF selected 29 applications to fund, each of which will receive up to \$35,000 to advance projects that demonstrate exciting potential.

“New Jersey Health Foundation has historically awarded more than \$57 million in research grants to promote inventive science projects being conducted within our state,” explained George F. Heinrich, M.D., vice chair and CEO. “We are proud to support this round of outstanding early stage projects that may have the potential to lead to important medical breakthroughs.”

Funding was available to faculty and staff at organizations affiliated with NJHF— Kessler Foundation, Princeton University, Rutgers University, Rowan University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Awards were given to researchers targeting a variety of health-related areas including detecting skin diseases; exploring antibiotics and the flu; advancing cancer treatments; expanding diagnostic tools in cochlear implants; improving drug development and delivery; investigating tools to detect mental health disorders; assessing Parkinson's disease; addressing the opioid crisis in New Jersey; studying folate levels and autism spectrum risks, and improving gait training after stroke.

Grants were awarded to recipients from these organizations throughout the state:

**North Jersey:** Kessler Foundation; New Jersey Institute of Technology; Rutgers New Jersey Medical School; Stevens Institute of Technology; The Public Health Research Institute at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

**Central Jersey:** Princeton University; Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey; Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science; Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy; Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy & Aging Research; Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences; Rutgers School of Communication and Information

**South Jersey:** Cooper Medical School at Rowan University; Rowan College of Engineering, Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine; Rowan College of Science and Mathematics; Rutgers University-Camden

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