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HARVARD RESEARCHER HSIAO-YING WEY RECEIVES \$100,000 2017 NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Boston, MA - The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) has awarded **Hsiao-Ying Wey, PhD**, Assistant Professor, at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, with a 2017 New Investigator Award in Alzheimer's Disease.

The program is funded by The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, and now in its eleventh year, the program provides three early-career researchers with up to \$100,000 each to conduct scientific investigations leading to improved methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. To date, the program has supported 52 Investigators at 38 institutions in the U.S. and Israel.

With the \$100,000 New Investigator Award, Dr. Wey's research will investigate *epigenetic mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease with PET/MR imaging*.

"AFAR is appreciative of The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation for its continued commitment to finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease," says Stephanie Lederman, Ed.M, AFAR Executive Director. "Partnerships like these ensure that the best young scientists and most promising research towards eradicating Alzheimer's disease are supported."

"The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation is committed to nurturing talented researchers to ensure the brainpower needed to fuel future progress in Alzheimer's disease research," says Martin H. Blank, Jr., Trustee of The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation. "Even if we can make modest advances in preventing Alzheimer's disease or delay its progression, this could have a huge global public health impact."



On receiving the New Investigator Award, Dr. Wey states: "It is an honor to join the community of New Investigators supported by AFAR and The Gilbert Foundation. I'm committed to advancing Alzheimer's research by contributing my expertise in multimodal neuroimaging and translational research. The funding and networking opportunities provided by this award strengthens the foundation of my research and allows me to apply novel imaging methods to investigate disease mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease in patients."

"More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and by 2050, this number could more triple," notes Lederman. "The New Investigator Awards help bring closer to reality therapeutics to treat Alzheimer's and related dementias. AFAR is proud to partner with The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation to encourage talented early career researchers to find a cure for this devastating disease."

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About AFAR The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to support and advance healthy aging through biomedical research. Founded in 1981, AFAR has championed the cause and supported the funding of science in healthier aging and age-related medicine. To address the shortage of physicians and researchers dedicated to the science of healthier aging, AFAR funds physicians and scientists probing the fundamental mechanisms of aging, as well as specific diseases associated with aging populations at critical points throughout their careers. Learn at www.afar.org or follow AFARorg on Twitter and Facebook.

About The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation The mission of The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation is to invest in programs that promote education, tolerance, social services, healthcare, and the arts. The Foundation builds on the ideals and pursuits of its founders, Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert. In the area of Alzheimer's disease, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation focuses its grant-making on advancing research by early career investigators in the United States and Israel and investments in Alzheimer's disease caregiving. For more information, please visit www.thegilbertfoundation.org.



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