

EARLY-STAGE INVESTIGATORS' SYMPOSIUM

Skills and Strategies for Advancing Your Research Career

Smilow Center for Translational Research
 Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

March 17, 2026

Time	Session	Location
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Check-in and Continental Breakfast	Smilow Commons
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Welcome Remarks: Emma Meagher, MD	Rubenstein Auditorium
8:45 – 9:45 AM	Career Pathways Outside of Academia Moderator: Emma Meagher, MD	Rubenstein Auditorium
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Coffee Break and transition to mentoring sessions	Smilow Commons
10:00 – 11:15 AM	Speed Mentoring	Smilow Commons
	<i>or</i> Effective Mentoring Relationships with Emma Meagher, MD	Rubenstein Auditorium
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Protecting Your IP: An Approach to Diversifying your Funding Portfolio Moderator: Ben Dibling, PhD	Rubenstein Auditorium
12:30 – 1:15 PM	Lunch	Smilow Commons
1:20 – 2:20 PM	Creating a Scientific Identity Moderator: Bonnie Ky, MD, MSCE	Rubenstein Auditorium
2:20 – 3:20 PM	The Art of Publishing Moderator: Anne Cappola, MD	Rubenstein Auditorium
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Writing a Successful Career Development Grant (K Award) Moderator: Karen Teff, PhD	Rubenstein Auditorium
	Transitioning from a K to R Award Moderator: David Mankoff, MD, PhD	Room 10-146 Smilow