

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