In 2022 we revamped our WPSS “Pods”

These are small groups of 5-7 that include representation from different stages along the post-graduate physician-scientist career path.

In the spirit of women in science like Christine Guthrie (UCSF) who fostered inclusive environments, we aspire to foster long-term connections outside of our home departments and mentor up and down as we advance.

Most of our membership are in WPSS Pods! We hope to support these groups over time.

In 2022, WPSS received funds from the UCSF “Getting Back Together” campaign. We used these to have our Pods get together. Some of these were the first time members have met in person! Thanks UCSF!
In 2022 we hosted our inaugural speaker series to highlight, share, inspire, and focus on women along all levels of the physician-scientist career pathway.

We were joined by attendees from across UCSF and beyond.

We have shared the series recordings on our website. Please share with interested colleagues and trainees.
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2022 Awardees

Judith Ashouri-Sinha (Medicine/Rheum)
Jessica Briggs (Medicine/ID)
Cathryn Cadwell (Pathology/Neuropath)
Claire Clelland (Neurology)
Elizabeth Crouch (Pediatrics/Neonatology)
Stephanie Gaw (OB/Gyn)
Sara LaHue (Neurology)
Renuka Nayak (Medicine/Rheum)
Yvonne Ou (Ophthalmology)
Tiffany Scharschmidt (Dermatology)

“It was a fantastic resource [as] often young people have to take unpaid internships to get their first lab experience, and [this student] wasn't in the financial position to do that.”

* “a tremendous opportunity.. I could not have attended this international conference without the support of WPSS [and] am already benefitting from new collaborations”

* “[I was] able to bring in a high school student [underrepresented in science/medicine] to the lab, support attendance of technicians preparing for graduate school to [retreats and conferences]”

* “[used] for a graphical abstract of our current manuscript under revision”

* “enabled my team to attend conferences, set up [resources] for my new lab”
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Jessica Briggs, MD
Medicine/ID

Helped fund my participation as a curriculum developer and trainer at a malaria genomics workshop for the Elimination 8 countries in South Africa. Participating in that training was vital hands-on experience... I learned to run a similar training in East Africa for participants from 7 countries.

Cathryn Cadwell, MD PhD
Pathology/Neuropath

I used the WPSS fund to attend the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) Summer School for Neuropathology in Erlangen, Germany. This was a tremendous opportunity to network with leaders in the field of epilepsy neuropathology. I could not have attended this international conference without the support of WPSS!

Judith Ashouri-Sinha MD
Medicine/Rheumatology

These funds were used to support a first-year international undergraduate student [rotating] in the lab. It was a fantastic resource because it would have been hard to support her by other means... I gained experience in leading scientists at different levels.

Betsy Crouch, MD PhD
Pediatrics/Neonatology

Used funds for a graphical abstract for our current manuscript under revision. This graphical abstract can be used in future presentations and on my lab website to help explain our work to others.

Claire Clelland, MD PhD
Neurology

I am deeply grateful for these funds. I ended up applying these funds to support the costs of blood specimen analysis so that I could have prelim data for my K grant application. I managed to get the results in time to include in my K, and they are also supporting future abstracts. Thank you!

Sara LaHue, MD
Neurology

I hired a college student from a disadvantaged background in my lab as an intern... [who] surpassed all expectations and produced a figure for our upcoming paper! As a young lab I did not have sufficient funds to cover the full cost - the grant paid over half and this made it possible for me. Thank you!