

News Release

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The International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation partners with the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation to establish the Trainee Expansion Program

Inspiration, access to leading scientists, state-of-the-art research techniques, and effective mentorship serve as vital components of educating the preeminent researchers of tomorrow. The International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) is proud to have partnered with the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation (FLRF) to found and develop an international, early-career expansion program for graduate students, recently graduated students and postdoctoral fellows. Called the Trainee Expansion Program (TEP), it will provide young scientists with the opportunity to participate in both short- and long-term research-related activities in the field of human milk and lactation

Human milk is significant for long-term health. Not only does it reduce the short-term morbidity rate among premature and newborn infants; by conferring passive immunity and preventing allergies, it positively influences health well into adulthood. Surprisingly however, the field of human milk nutrition and breastfeeding often does not receive the funding it rightly deserves.

ISRHML is the leading, international association of researchers and scientists dedicated to the field of human milk and lactation. Its members come from various disciplines, all of whom are devoted to promoting excellence in research and disseminating its findings within the field. Since its establishment in 1988, the Society has encouraged the development of early-career researchers to carry on these endeavors into the future. To that end, its Trainee Interest Group brings together ISRHML trainees to participate in academic and professional growth activities in human milk and lactation research. The creation of the TEP with the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation, in addition to rewarding talented trainees, will allow ISRHML to broaden its support of its emerging members and further accelerate their careers.

"We are very pleased to launch such a high-impact program with the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation, both for the increased support of our trainees and the positive implications their research will have on the field of human milk and lactation," said Dr. Lars Bode, ISRHML President and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego. "Our partnership with the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation extends beyond the Trainee Expansion Program, as well. Together, we are cultivating the next generation of great scientists and helping them develop a future pipeline of research projects. We believe the intellectual synergies of working together will have far-reaching benefits for human milk and lactation, and ultimately, the health of children worldwide.

"The Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation is committed to promoting research and recognizes the importance of supporting young scientists. With the Trainee Expansion Program, we can accomplish both," said Dr. Katharina Lichtner, Managing Director, Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation. "This partnership will help to broaden the group of excellent talent focused on human milk and lactation to expand the global knowledge for the well-being of infants worldwide."

“The Trainee Expansion Program is a fantastic opportunity for young scientists to propel their careers,” said Dr. Sara Moukarzel, President of the ISRHML Trainee Interest Group, who recently also joined the Department of Pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego. “Such recognition of our potential is highly motivational and we sincerely appreciate the support from the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation. The program will foster international collaboration in a vitally important, yet often under-funded, field and bring us another step closer to achieving our joint goal of furthering research within human milk and lactation.”

International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation

The International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation (ISRHML) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of excellence in research and the dissemination of research findings in the field of human milk and lactation. Established in 1988, it strives to accomplish its goals by fostering communication among members and established liaisons with government agencies, public health authorities, industry, and other organizations interested in human lactation. ISRHML holds a biennial international meeting, and annual symposia and mini-symposia to discuss research finding and cultivate international and interdisciplinary collaborations.

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Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation

The Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation is an independent, charitable foundation established to fulfil the family’s vision of a world in which every child is granted an optimum start in life through the benefits of human milk. Founded in 2013 and based in Zug, Switzerland, our primary focus is on promoting and supporting human milk and breastfeeding. Our mission is to make human milk a matter of course worldwide. The Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation accomplishes its mission through its own programmes and by supporting the campaigns of other non-profit organisations. We invest globally in interdisciplinary projects and promote research, thus instigating discovery, new knowledge and recognition of human milk as the best nutrition for newborns. With every endeavour, we strive for sustainable impact by placing the highest value on the long-term well-being of mother and child.

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