

Researcher Awarded 2024 Strategic Radiology/RSNA Research Grant

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Society of North America (RSNA) Research & Education (R&E) Foundation awarded its 2024 Strategic Radiology/RSNA Research Resident Grant to Maureen Aliru, M.D., Ph.D. This grant is made possible by Strategic Radiology's support of the RSNA R&E Foundation as a Visionaries in Practice (VIP) Program donor.

The Strategic Radiology/RSNA Research Resident Grant provides \$50,000 to a top resident to devote 30% of their time for a research project under the guidance of a scientific advisor. Through this project, residents can learn about scientific investigation and develop competence in research techniques.

Maureen Aliru, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, aims to address treatment for a larger subset of cancer patients by utilizing metabolic glycoengineering to incorporate sugar analogues into tumor cells, and nanotechnology to preferentially deliver these sugar analogues to tumors while avoiding normal tissues. In doing so, the tumor cells 'labelled' with these sugar analogues can then be targeted with cancer therapeutics to precisely deliver drugs to tissues with disease.

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our generous donors."

Established in 2005, the Visionaries in Practice (VIP) Giving Program recognizes private practice groups and academic institutions making valuable investments in radiologic research and development with group donations of \$10,000 or more annually to the Foundation. Strategic Radiology has been a member of the VIP program since 2012, and its practice group members have donated more than \$2 million to fund named grant awards.

The RSNA R&E Foundation Board of Trustees approved funding for 81 grants in 2024 valued at more than \$5 million.

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RSNA is an association of radiologists,

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radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists promoting excellence in patient care and healthcare delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. (RSNA.org) The mission of the R&E Foundation is to invest in the future of radiology by developing investigators and supporting lifelong innovative research and education. (RSNA.org/Foundation)

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