

AACAP JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR AWARD SUPPORTED BY AACAP, THE KLINGENSTEIN THIRD GENERATION FOUNDATION, AND INDUSTRY SUPPORTERS

Year	Award Recipient	Mentor(s)	Institution	Project Title
2025	Kunmi Sobowale, MD	Jennifer A. Silvers, MD	University of California Los Angeles	The Role of Infant Temperament on Linguistic Markers of Maternal Emotion Regulation and Its Impact on Infant Emotion Regulation
2024	Shinnyi Chou, MD, PhD	Robert Sweet, MD	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Terminal type-specific cannabinoid CB1 receptor alterations in schizophrenia and cannabis use
2023	Rana Elmaghraby, MD	Ernest Pedapati, MD, MS	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Accelerated Theta Burst Stimulation For Treatment-Resistant Major Depressive Disorder in Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Sham-Controlled Pilot Study
2022	Sara B. VanBronkhorst, MD	Cristiane Duarte, PhD, MPH	Columbia University	Oxytocin, Mother-child Interactions and the Intergenerational Transmission of Risk and Resilience to ACEs in a Low-Resource Setting
2021	Jessica M. Becker, MD	Kenneth A. Freedberg, MD, MSc	Massachusetts General Hospital	Development of a Novel Mathematical Simulation Model of Pediatric Mental Illness and Applications to Assess Expanded Mental Health Coverage for the General Population and Children with Chronic Medical Illness
2020	Jennifer B. Dwyer, MD, PhD	Michael Bloch, MD, MS	Yale University	Ketamine for Severe Adolescent Depression: Intermediate-term Safety and Efficacy
2019	Christina Cruz, MD, MEd	Bradley N. Gaynes, MD, MPH	University of North Carolina	Acceptability of Children Receiving Task-shifted Mental Health Care from Teachers
2018	Heather M. Joseph, DO	Brooke Molina, PhD	University of Pittsburgh	Early Signals of Inattention in Toddlers at Familial Risk for ADHD
2017	Natalie Ramos, MD, MPH	Jeanne Miranda, PhD	University of California, Los Angeles	Resiliency Education for LGBT Adolescents with Depression and Parent/Caregiver Psychoeducation Group Proposal
2015	Ernest Pedapati, MD, MS	Donald Gilbert, MD, MS	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Eye Tracking as a Predictor of Methylphenidate Response in Autism with Comorbid Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

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2014	Roger Jou, MD, MPH, PhD	Kevin Pelphrey, PhD, & Fred Volkmar, MD	Yale University	Neural Disconnectivity in Autism: Distinguishing Fact from Artifact in Diffusion Imaging
2014	Luis Patino Duran, MD, MS	Melissa DelBello, MD, MS	University of Cincinnati	Genetic Markers of Lithium Response for Acute Mania in Adolescents with Bipolar Disorder
2013	Tamara L. Vanderwal, MD	Linda Mayes, MD, & Francisco X. Castellanos, MD	Yale University School of Medicine Child Study Center	Intrinsic Connectivity Networks in Young Children
2011	Ryan Herringa, MD, PhD	Ned H. Kalin, MD, & Marilyn J. Essex, PhD	University of Wisconsin	Neural Substrates of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Youth
2011	Ellen Hoffman, MD	Matthew W. State, MD, PhD, & Antonio J. Giraldez, PhD	Yale University School of Medicine Child Study Center	Functional Analysis of the Autism Susceptibility Gene, Contactin Associated Protein-2 (CNTNAP2), in a Zebrafish Model System
2010	Michael Bloch, MD, MS	James Beckman, MD, & Christopher Pittenger, MD, PhD	Yale University	Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of N-acetylcysteine for Childhood Tourette Syndrome
2010	Craig Erickson, MD	Christopher McDougale, MD	Indiana University	Acamprosate in Youth with Autistic Disorder
2009	Evelyn Stewart, MD	David Pauls, PhD, & Jordan Smoller, MD, MSc	Harvard University	Translational Application of Genome-Wide Data for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Across Development
2009	Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, MD	Randy Blakely, PhD	Vanderbilt University	Evaluating the SERT 56Ala Knock-In Mouse as a Model for Sensory Aversion in Autism