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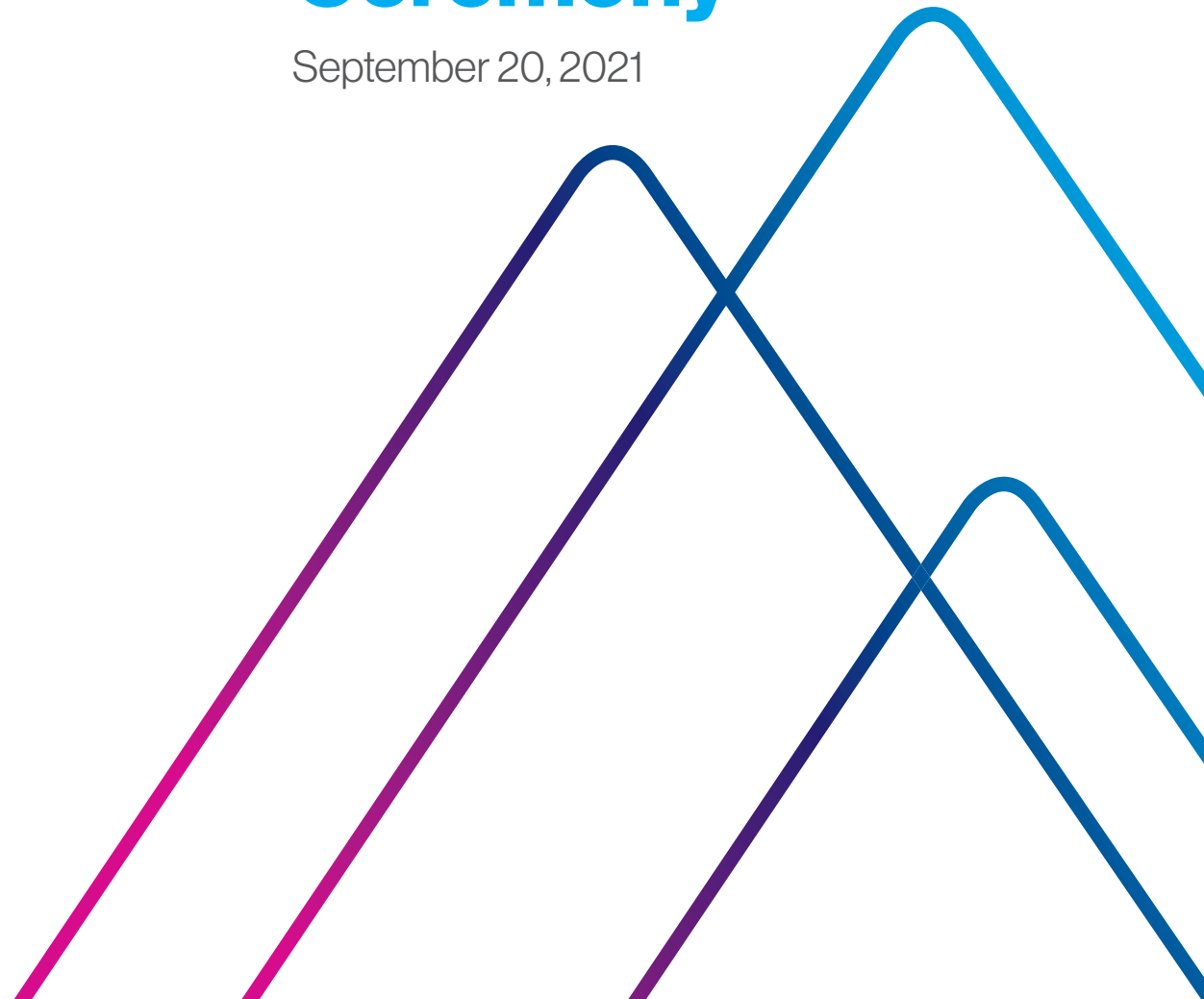


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Lab Coat Ceremony

September 20, 2021



At the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences,

we are deeply invested in cultivating the next generation of scientists and health professionals who make a profound impact on human health both locally and globally. Uniquely positioned within the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the expansive Mount Sinai Health System, we are a preeminent graduate school and research center known for transformative research and innovative education.

During the Ceremony, students beginning their PhD training will be presented with a lab coat symbolizing the start of their graduate studies.

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Lab Coat Ceremony

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences



Monday, September 20, 2021

4–5 pm

Goldwurm Auditorium

Reception to follow

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Marta Filizola, PhD

Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
Sharon & Frederick A. Klingenstein-Nathan G. Kase, MD Professor
Department of Pharmacological Sciences
Nash Family Department of Neuroscience

WELCOME

Eric Nestler, MD, PhD

Dean for Academic and Scientific Affairs
Director, Friedman Brain Institute
Nash Family Professor, Nash Family Department of Neuroscience
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INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Director, Office for Women's Careers
Chair, Committee on Special Awards
Professor, Ophthalmology
Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ana Fernandez-Sesma, PhD

Professor, Microbiology
Professor, Medicine, Infectious Diseases

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Professor, Oncological Sciences
Professor, Cell, Developmental, and Regenerative Biology

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Assistant Professor, Medicine, Infectious Diseases
Assistant Professor, Medical Education

OATH READER

Basil Hanss, PhD

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Associate Dean for Graduate School Well-Being and Resilience;
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Associate Professor, Medical Education
Associate Professor, Pharmacological Sciences

CLOSING REMARKS

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Welcomes Our Incoming PhD and

MSTP Students into the Academic

Research Community



2021 PhD Matriculating Class

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Amherst College

Kailash Babu Panneerselvam
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Indian Institute of Technology,
Madras

Austin Baggetta
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Chinese Medicine

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Samantha Brown
Neuroscience
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The Mount Sinai Alumni Association, the Mount Science Office of Alumni and Development, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences gratefully acknowledges our alumni supporters who welcomed our newest students to science and medicine with the gift of a Lab Coat.

OATH FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

With my Doctor of Philosophy, I willingly pledge to uphold the highest levels of integrity, professionalism, scholarship, and honor.

I will conduct my research and professional endeavors with honesty and objectivity.

I will apply the highest standards of rigor and respect for the generation and application of knowledge, and fully acknowledge the contributions of others.

I will not allow financial gain or ambition to cloud my judgement or decision-making or cause harm to society or subjects of research.

I will embark on the furthering of knowledge through respectful interactions and collaboration with my colleagues and community without prejudice or exclusion.

I will be a role model, and use my skills to inspire, mentor, and empower future generations, instilling in them the highest principles of ethical behavior.

As witnessed by all present today, and in the tradition of graduates before me, I do affirm to uphold these guiding principles.

FACULTY PLEDGE

As teachers and mentors for our students, we pledge to maintain the highest professional standards in all our interactions with students, patients, colleagues and staff.

We pledge our utmost effort to ensure that all components of the educational program for students will be of the highest quality.

We will respect all students as individuals without regard for gender, race, national origin, religion or sexual orientation; we will not tolerate anyone who manifests disrespect or who expresses biased attitudes towards any student. We will not tolerate any abuse or exploitation of students.

In an effort to nurture personal development, we pledge that students will have adequate time for reflection as well as personal and family obligations.

In nurturing both the intellectual and professional development of our students, we will celebrate achievement of academic excellence and demonstrate the highest virtues of our profession.