

ASNR Supports Four Members Attending the 2024 TIGRR Workshop

Securing research funding isn't easy, and early-career and emerging investigators face unique challenges in applying for research grants. The Training in Grantsmanship for Rehabilitation Research (TIGRR) Workshop was developed to provide junior investigators in rehabilitation research with training and mentoring to help them receive competitive research funding. For years, ASNR has provided grant support for Members selected to participate in TIGRR, and we were excited to award \$1,000 grants to four of our Members to attend the recent Workshop in 2024.

[The NIH-funded TIGRR Workshop](#) brings together a distinguished group of mentors and consultants to provide participants with guidance on grant writing, clinical trial design, biostatistics, collaboration, budgeting, and career development through a strategic program consisting of targeted lectures and one-on-one consultation sessions. After the Workshop concludes, participants are invited to take advantage of peer review panels offered throughout the year. The goal of the program is to maximize participants' chances for successful grant applications and develop well-trained rehabilitation researchers who will advance the field by designing and executing rigorous research.



This year, the four-day workshop was held January 8-12th at The Wild Dunes Resort in Charleston, SC. ASNR Members Dr. Marika Demers, Dr. Margaret French, Dr. Jacqueline Palmer, and Dr. Swati Surkar were this year's ASNR TIGRR Program Grant Support Award recipients, and they recently returned from attending the event. We share their perspectives and highlights from the Workshop below.

TIGRR Attendee Perspectives

Dr. Marika Demers



"TIGRR was an incredible experience. The workshop gave me a greater understanding of the funding mechanisms available and improved my ability to craft compelling narratives that resonate with grant reviewers. The opportunity to meet with mentors and mentees in neurorehabilitation was invaluable."

Dr. Margaret French



"The TIGRR workshop and one-on-one meetings with mentors helped me learn to critically appraise my grant writing through the lens of a reviewer. Although I am still honing that skill, TIGRR has accelerated its development. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from such a great group of mentors."

Dr. Jacqueline Palmer



"The week-long, fully immersive experience at TIGRR has been integral to my thinking about my current project and the future trajectory of my research program. The close mentorship and connections with leaders in our field will be incredibly valuable as I move forward in my career as an early stage PI."

Dr. Swati Surkar



"The TIGRR workshop was an invaluable experience for an early-career researcher like me. Various talks on writing a competitive grant application, obtaining critical feedback from the primary, secondary, and other mentors on my grant proposal, and discussions with peers have helped me in finalizing the specific aims for my proposed R01 application. Furthermore, the networking opportunities with the TIGRR 2024 cohort and mentors have helped in forming potential scientific collaborations. I extend my sincere gratitude to the ASNR for their support which helped in offsetting some of the workshop and travel-related costs."