



HIGHLIGHTS

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ISL AWARD WINNERS

Clinical Catalyst Award



Dr. Sladjana Lukic

In collaboration with Dr. Narlin Beaty at Tallahassee Neurological Clinic



Dr. Miles Taylor

In collaboration with Dr. R. Kelley Myers of the Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program

Best Paper Award



Dr. Amy Sang

Molecular and Cellular Effects of Microplastics and Nanoplastics: Focus on Inflammation and Senescence

K12 Multidisciplinary Program Career Development Award



Dr. Amber DeJohn

HUMANA FOUNDATION NEW GRANT

The Humana Foundation has announced more than \$12.2 million in its first round of 2026 grant awards, investing in programs designed to strengthen emotional well-being and improve quality of life for older adults and veterans across the country. Among the funded initiatives is a Florida State University project that will develop an AI-powered digital social concierge aimed at reducing loneliness and increasing social connectedness among underserved older adults who live alone.

Led by Director Dr. Zhe He and affiliates Dr. Mia Liza Lustria, and Dr. Dawn Carr, the project demonstrates how innovative AI technologies can be leveraged to foster meaningful social engagement, address isolation, and support healthier aging by connecting older adults with personalized resources.

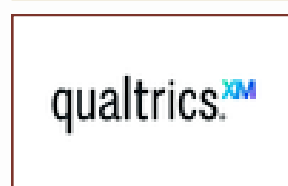


NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH CLINICAL INFORMATICS AND DIGITAL HEALTH APPOINTMENT DR. ZHE HE

ISL Director Dr. Zhe He was appointed as a standing member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Informatics and Digital Health (CIDH) Study Section within the Center for Scientific Review. During his four-year term, spanning July 2026 through June 2030, Dr. He will collaborate with experts from across the nation to review innovative research proposals and help shape the future of clinical informatics, digital health, and biomedical research.

NEW PUBLICATION DR. MOLLY HERMILLER

Dr. Molly Hermiller co-authored a new study published in Neurology examining the brain mechanisms involved in memory and cognition. The research provides new insights into how changes in neural networks and brain activity influence cognitive function, offering findings that may inform future approaches to preserving brain health and developing interventions for memory disorders.



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