

Mission Statement: The sole purpose of Charleston Research Institute (CRI) is to advance the research mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and specifically the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, in Charleston, South Carolina through the support of research related activities.

CRI Summer Research Interns

In collaboration with MUSC College of Medicine Careers in Medicine program, Charleston Research Institute is sponsoring 5 summer research interns at Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center. Applications from interested first year MUSC students were accepted through December 31, 2013 and selections were made in February 2014.

These paid internships will run for approximately 10 weeks allowing the students to gain critical laboratory and clinical research experience.



Pictured from left to right are:

Kelsey Derrick (Mentor: Dr. Maria Lopes-Virella); **Zayed Almadidy** (Mentor: Dr. Paul McDermott); **John Robinson** (Mentor: Dr. Ron Acierno); **Coti Phillips** (Mentor: Dr. Stephen Savage); and **Rabun Jones** (Mentor: Dr. Stephen Savage)

CRI Annual Audit

Charleston Research Institute has completed its annual audit in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 for the year ended September 30, 2013.

To comply with OMB Circular

A-133 reporting requirements, we are notifying you that there were no material weaknesses or reportable findings.

CRI's FY2013 A-133 Audit Report can be found via the Single Audit Clearinghouse website :

<https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/Default.aspx>



Annual Report Summer 2014

Special points of interest:

- Incorporated in 1997
- Servicing over \$1 million in grant revenues annually
- Negotiated IDC rate for all federal grants
- 25% IDC rate for industry-sponsored grants
- Employee benefits including health insurance and 401k matching contributions

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What is CRI?

Charleston Research Institute is a South Carolina 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that is devoted to advancing Veterans' health research. CRI administers medical research at Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center that is *not* VA funded. In other words, CRI administers research that is sponsored by pharmaceutical and device companies, foundations, other non-profits, and federal agencies such as Department of

Defense and National Institutes of Health (NIH).

CRI provides comprehensive research administration services including:

- **Contract negotiation**
- **Budgeting**
- **Human resources**
- **Fiscal oversight**



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Who Uses CRI?

CRI works with Principal Investigators (PI's) from cardiology, comparative medicine, endocrinology, general internal medicine, hematology/oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, nephrology, neurosciences, otolaryngology, pulmonology, psychiatry, and urology.



When Do I Use CRI?

VA requirements mandate that any funds received from an outside entity in support of VA research, such as NIH grants or industry sponsored research funds, must be administered by the VA Medical Center or the VA non-profit corporation affiliated with the VA Medical Center.

Ask yourself this question: “Will VA resources be used to conduct a study?” Examples of VA resources are VA patients, VA space, and/or VA time.

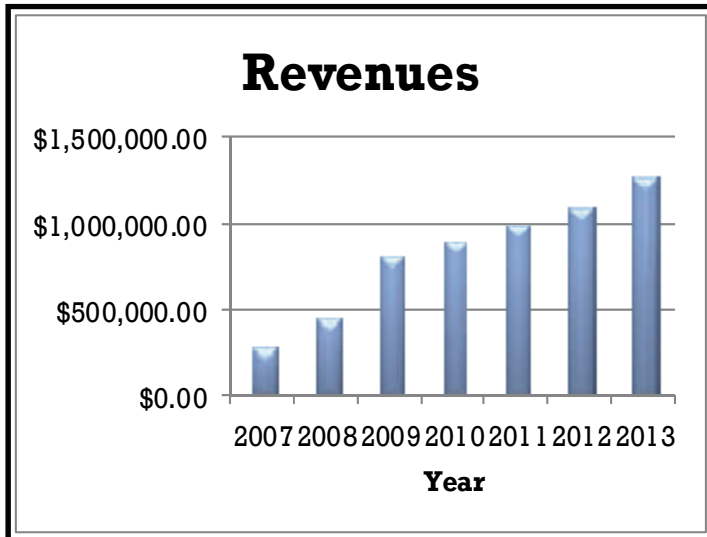
If you answer “yes” to any of the above, please contact CRI and we will assist you.

CRI Staff

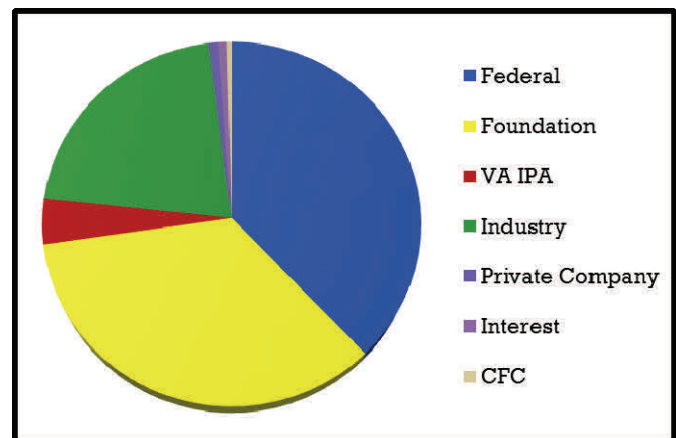
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FY2013 Financial Highlights



CRI continues to grow and diversify its grant portfolio.



Ralph H. Johnson VAMC Student Research Awards

For the past 7 years, CRI has sponsored Ralph H. Johnson VAMC Student Research Awards in collaboration with MUSC on their annual Student Research Day in November.

In addition to cash prizes, an oversized check, and framed award certificate, each winner's name is

engraved on a perpetual plaque on display at CRI Headquarters.

Students must have a VAMC mentor, present VA R&D committee-approved research, and acknowledge VAMC in their presentation in order to be eligible for these awards.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 14, 2014
for this year's **Ralph H. Johnson VAMC Student Research Awards!**

And the Winners Are...

1st Place Poster Presentation:
Dayvia Laws
Mentor: **Dr. Mandy LaRue**

2nd Place Poster Presentation:
Rebekah Walker
Mentor: **Dr. Leonard Egede**

Young Investigator:
Camilo Mateus
Mentor: **Dr. Steven LaRowe**

1st Place Oral Presentation:
Joseph Taylor
Mentor: **Dr. Mark George**

2nd Place Oral Presentation:
Adam Akerman
Mentor: **Dr. Jeff Jones**



Pictured above (L-R)
CRI Executive Director Kelly Page and
2013 Young Investigator Winner
Camilo Mateus



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Did you Know?



Another service CRI provides is to administer VA Veterinary Medical Unit (VMU) service fees on behalf of Ralph H. Johnson VAMC.

When a NIH funded grant is awarded to MUSC and VA Veterinary Medical Unit space is needed, CRI will invoice a per diem fee based on a monthly census.

For a schedule of fees, please contact CRI.

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"VA Non Profit Corporations (NPC's) exist to provide VA medical centers with flexible funding mechanisms for the conduct of, and to facilitate functions related to the conduct of, approved research and education at one or more VA medical centers.

NPCs are not owned or controlled by the Federal government, nor are they an agency or instrumentality of the Federal government."

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