



# McKNIGHT BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*Preserving memory, enhancing life*

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Evelyn F. McKnight  
to Alleviate Memory Loss  
in the Aging*

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Dear Dr. Golde, Dr. DeKosky, and Dr. Lewis,

At the February 2020 meeting of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF), the trustees reviewed the 2019 annual report submitted by the University of Florida (UF) on the Age-Related Memory Loss (ARML) program and the Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research program (CAM-CTRP). The trustees also reviewed the 2019 annual reports on the two McKnight Endowed Chairs, the William G. Luttge Lectureship, and the UF Foundation (UFF) Endowment and Investment Report.

The 2019 annual report was difficult to review due to the lack of organization and completeness. Following the request for supplemental information, sections of the report remained incomplete and lacked the identification of the section and the name of the individual completing the report. The customary letters of transmittal and support from the leadership of the Health Center, the College of Medicine, and the College of Public Health were not provided.

However, the 2019 report was successful in reflecting on multiple areas of successful academic and research initiatives both individually and throughout composite faculty within the ARML Core and the CAM-CTRP. Each research group and the individual McKnight Chairs continue to be productive in research grant support, publications and receipts of research awards from the University of Florida in recognition of distinguished records of research productivity. The trustees are pleased to note the promotion of Dr. Adam Woods and Dr. Sara Burke to the rank of associate professor with tenure.

The trustees believe the communication and collaboration between the two research groups, both internally and externally, could be improved operationally and functionally by combining under a single Cognitive Aging and Memory Clinical Translational Research Center (CAM Center). The trustees await the resolution of the institutional barriers referenced in the annual report so that together we may proceed with modification of existing agreements and implementation of the new agreement.

The trustees express their collective appreciation for your support and efforts in continuing to advance the research initiatives supported by the McKnight Brain Research Foundation leading to the understanding and alleviation of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss.

Sincerely,

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