



# McKNIGHT BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Preserving memory, enhancing life

**From:** Michael L. Dockery, MD, MBRF Chair  
**Sent:** November 10, 2021  
**To:** Ralph Sacco, MD, MS, FAHA, FAAN; Tatjana Rundek, MD, PhD  
**cc:** Madhav Thambisetty, MD, PhD; Patricia Boyle, PhD; Allison Brashear, MD, MBA; Richard Isaacson, MD; Sue Pekarske, MD; Lee Dockery, MD; Melanie Cianciotto, and Amy Porter  
**Subject:** *Evelyn F. McKnight Neurocognitive Clinical Scholar in Brain Health and Aging*

The Trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) approved the proposal to fund the *Evelyn F. McKnight Neurocognitive Clinical Scholar in Brain Health and Aging* postdoctoral training program at their meeting on October 28, 2021.

In recognition of your vision and in appreciation of your enduring commitment to training physician scientists to become leaders in the field of neurocognitive disorders and brain health, the Trustees are pleased to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000 to be matched by the University of Miami (UM) to support these scholars.

The MBRF will provide \$50,000 annually for a period of five years for a total of \$250,000. The Trustees are enthusiastic about supporting the fellowship and wish to support your efforts for a national search to recruit a young, post-doctoral trainee in 2022. The Trustees appreciate that you hope to retain these individuals as clinical scientists at UM.

Once you have successfully recruited the first clinical scholar, please notify the corporate trustee of the MBRF so the first payment of \$50,000 may be processed.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend our admiration and appreciation to you for your focus on clinical research and for your wise and generous mentoring of many individuals, including the future recipients of the *Evelyn F. McKnight Neurocognitive Clinical Scholar in Brain Health and Aging* award.

Your advocacy of age-related cognitive decline and memory loss research, and its researchers, is a driving force that will inevitably expand and enhance the field. Thank you both for your exceptional leadership.

*For the avoidance of doubt, the University of Miami agrees that the Funds will be used as described in the attached October 8, 2021, letter and attachment from Drs. Sacco and Rundek to the Trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation. Please indicate the University's agreement by signing this letter where indicated below and returning the signed copy to the MBRF. Thank you.*

Date: 11/17/2021

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