



New Grant submission:

WT Grant Foundation **\$600,000**



275

Participants Recruited

Pending Grants submitted :

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation **\$500,000**
- Presidential Seed Programs
 - Seed Grand (PI -Assaf Oshri) **\$100,000**
 - Seed Grand (PI-Steve Kogan) **\$100,000**

Family Visits Complete	265
BIRC Visits Complete	256
Nov/ Dec Recruitments	17



Current Research at GCDS



Congratulations to our scientific team for publishing a paper in **Nature** (**Translational Psychiatry**)! The team, led by **Dr. Assaf Oshri**, published the study titled, “Neurobehavioral pathways linking socioeconomic status hardship to suicide risk versus resilience in young adolescents: the roles of sleep health and default mode network connectivity.”

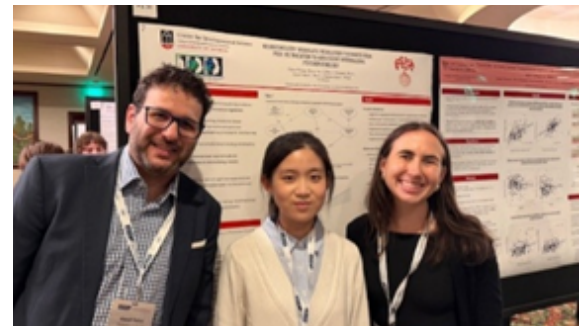
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The **Nature** publication was featured in the UGA Today on Dec 2, 2025. <http://news.uga.edu/low-income-youth-at-higher-risk-of-suicide>

Search for the HDFS/ GCDS Biobehavioral Health Faculty was conducted and candidate interviews were held in December. Hiring process still ongoing.

ISDP Conference in San Diego, 12-14 Nov 2025



- **Dr. Oshri** chaired the Session: Multilevel Mechanisms of Early Life Stress: Neural, Metabolic, and Behavioral Consequences
- **Katie Harmeyer** presented a poster titled: Unpredictability as a Dimension of Early Life Adversity: Exploring Links to Mental Health in the ABCD Study
- **Feiyu Wang** presented a poster titled: Neurocircuitry Modulates Regulatory Pathways from Peer Victimization to Adolescent Internalizing Psychopathology

URA Spotlight



Our 21 CURO URAs wrapped up a busy Fall semester with following highlights in November/ December:

Congrats to the URAs of the Month



Emma Gooch

Senior, majoring in Psychology and Sociology; exceptional work with the Family Visit team!



Kavyaa Shah

Majors in Biology and Psychology; attentive and proactive work on the BIRC team!

- Synthesized literature relevant to their CURO topics of interest, culminating in an end-of-semester literature review paper
- Conducted research analysis and received feedback from mentors
- Recruited and attended community events
- Assisted with Wave 1 and Wave 2 visits to collect data
- Worked in data management



Congratulations, Dr. Cullin Howard!

Graduated with a PhD in Dec 2025 with dissertation titled, “Dimensional Adversity and Development of Psychopathology Versus Resilience in Youth: The Role of Parent–Child Coregulation Using the Hormesis Model” .

PhD Committee included Dr. Assaf Oshri, Dr. Charles Geier & Dr. Geoffrey Brown.

Science Spot



Graduate students and staff lead weekly meetings to discuss selected scientific articles. November & December topics:

- **Feiyu Wang-** Adolescent-Specific Patterns of Behavior and Neural Activity During Social Reinforcement Learning
- **Lauren Holley-** Evaluating the Feasibility and Acceptability of a Virtual Reality Perioperative Walkthrough to Prepare for Surgery
- **Katie Suma-** Coding Observational Data
- **Katie Harmeyer-** Unpredictability & ELA in ABCD
- **Brooklyn Crabtree-** Neurocognition in ABCD
- **Morrighan Wingate-** Naughty or Nice: Holiday Risk and Protective Factors and the role of Context



Family and Community Engagement

FACE team has intensified efforts to enroll more participants in the final month of BRANCH recruitment!

- Outreach to pediatrician offices and schools
- Met with representatives from the Athens Housing Authority and Downtown Academy
- Outreach through social media
- Attended community Fall festivals, Christmas parades
- Distributed flyers at Jittery Joe's, Athens Neighborhood Health Clinic, and the Athens Health Department

