Announcing the 2012 SYNERGY Scholars Awards

Two outstanding young research scientists have been selected as recipients of the 2012 SYNERGY Scholars Mentored Career Development Award, funded through Dartmouth SYNERGY: The Center for Clinical and Translational Science. These two-year awards begin on September 1, 2012.

The selected scholars were chosen by a panel of senior scientists through a rigorous peer-review process. Each award involves two or more Mentors to oversee the scholar’s progress in patient-oriented research; the Mentors are chosen to reflect the disciplines needed to gain independence in the proposed research area.

The 2012 SYNERGY Scholars are:

**Scholar:** Jeffrey Munson, MD, MSCE, Assistant Professor of Medicine  
**Project Title:** Pharmacoepidemiology of Inhaled Corticosteroids in COPD  
**Mentors:** Jonathan Skinner, PhD, Professor of Economics; Nancy Morden, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Community & Family Medicine; Todd MacKenzie, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine; and Donald Mahler, MD, Professor of Medicine

**Scholar:** Dror Ben-Zeev, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry  
**Project Title:** Development and Field-Trial of a Mobile System for Self-Management of Schizophrenia (SOS)  
**Mentors:** Robert Drake, MD, Professor of Psychiatry; Lisa Marsch, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry; Andrew Campbell, PhD, Professor of Computer Science

The Dartmouth SYNERGY Scholars Mentored Career Development Program is modeled on the NIH K12 Scholars Program. It combines didactic training, mentoring, exposure to multidisciplinary research, and ongoing evaluation to prepare junior investigators for careers in Clinical Translational Research. The SYNERGY Scholars award provides funds to cover 75% of the individual’s salary, up to $100,000, plus fringe benefits annually, as well as funds for travel, supplies, research assistant salary, and tuition expenses (up to $25,000 per year).

The overall goal of the SYNERGY Scholars program is to develop future researchers and facilitate collaborative translational research studies across all our institutions and affiliated health centers. The program aims to accelerate the process of translational and clinical research, with a positive impact upon Dartmouth’s clinical and translational research enterprise.