



We hope that everyone is safe and well and our thoughts go out to all of our contacts across the world during this difficult time.

At PTEN Research our focus is to support the discovery and development of treatments for PHTS. To do this, we fund and facilitate research and bring together a global network of PHTS-focused experts.

Whilst we expect some of our activities to continue to be impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 into 2021, we are actively supporting all our grant holders and researchers to progress their work where they can.

Thank you for continuing to support us.

- The PTEN Research Team

If you would like to read more about us please visit our website or email us at contact@ptenresearch.org

NEWS AND EVENTS

During the last quarter the Foundation held its annual Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) meeting by video conference. The objective of the meeting was to review the Foundation's scientific strategy and progress on research activities. The SAB was in alignment with the updated Foundation strategy and commended the team on progress made on research and clinical research activities. The consensus of the SAB was that the Foundation had made significant progress in the past 12 months.

[Click here to find out more about our Scientific Advisory Board members](#)

We are also pleased to be able to share the publication of "A review on age-related cancer risks in PTEN hamartoma tumour syndrome" by Dr Nicoline Hoogerbrugge et al that was supported by funding from the PTEN Research Foundation.

[Click here to access the full text article](#)

Our founder and Trustee Riccardo Zacconi hosted a panel session at the Pharma Integrates Conference on the 17th of November. Subjects discussed included the role of technology in healthcare, and how technological and pharmaceutical companies are collaborating to drive innovation. This was an excellent event, bringing together key industry leaders across the Pharmaceutical pipeline to share insights and create debate on crucial topics that influence the future of patient outcomes.

[Click here for more information on Pharma Integrates](#)

OUR RESEARCH

At PTEN Research we fund projects with leading experts in the field of PHTS at institutions around the world. It is through this approach that we generate the most valuable scientific research with the leading scientists in the field. Our formal application and external review processes ensure that we only fund work of high scientific value.

If you would like to find out more about how we fund research, or apply for a research grant please click here!

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD DEADLINE EXTENDED

PTEN Research are delighted to be supporting the PHTS Young Investigator Award Fellowship in conjunction with the Developmental Synaptopathies Consortium and the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network.

This two year fellowship is an exciting opportunity for a highly-qualified post-doctoral candidate with a background in PTEN biology, human genetics or neurodevelopment disorders seeking to complement their expertise to become a leader in this growing field.

Areas of potential research include, but are not limited to, the development of models of PHTS, characterisation of the natural history of PHTS, development of clinical guidelines for care of children with PHTS and the development of endpoints for clinical trials in PHTS.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline for applications has been extended.

The closing date for applications is now Friday, July, 2021

For more information on this fellowship, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, please click here.

It goes without saying that 2020 has been a challenging year for patients and families as well as our academic and industry collaborators alike. Despite this, we are very proud and appreciative of all of the hard work and continued progress that has been made across our supported research projects.

On behalf of everyone at PTEN Research we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the ongoing partnerships and collaboration.



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