Faculty Vitality Award winners announced

March 13, 2013 College News - Three faculty members have received the 2013 Faculty Vitality Award, which is designed to support formal scholarly endeavors undertaken on a concentrated but less intensive basis than a traditional sabbatical – allowing for the continuation of other professional responsibilities concurrent with the period of the award. Faculty members with six or more years of service to the Medical College are eligible to apply, and the projects conducted over the course of the award must directly relate to one or more of MCW’s core missions.

This year’s Vitality Award winners, chosen by Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, Dean of the Medical School and Executive Vice President, are:

Edward Callahan, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Callahan will develop a competency-based simulation program accessible by a continuum of learners drawn from across healthcare disciplines, provide a sustainable and adaptable “train the trainer” program for preparing, building, conducting and debriefing realistic simulation scenarios to be used and taught by MCW faculty; and catalogue a database inventory of standardized cases to be used by multiple learners. In addition, he will create a business plan for a simulation program that encompasses CME, quality assurance/patient safety, physician credentialing and remediation.

William Campbell, PhD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. The Vitality Award will enable Dr. Campbell to spend 3-6 months in the laboratory of Dr. Christopher Garland of Magdalen College, Oxford University – who is an international authority in vascular pharmacology. The objective of their collaboration is to investigate the interaction and regulation of two distinct endothelial vasodilator pathways in an effort to master state-of-the-art vascular imaging methods and to outline a joint grant application to support future collaboration and advance the field. Dr. Campbell’s work is expected to advance both the research mission of MCW as well as the Medical College’s role in global health. Dr. Campbell was recently elected to a Visiting Fellowship at Magdalen College, Oxford University (from April 1, 2014 - July 31, 2014), which he will utilize in conjunction with the Vitality Award.

Michael Kron, MD, MSc, Professor, Department of Medicine. The Vitality Award will support Dr. Kron’s activities working with USAID/the US Department of State in conjunction with his concurrent receipt of Jefferson Science Fellowship. Jefferson Science Fellows gain an extraordinary and valuable perspective on the
complex functions of USAID and the Department of State. A unique component of
the Jefferson Science Fellowship is that in exchange for the temporary "loan" of a
faculty member to USAID, MCW will become eligible for at least five years of new
opportunities with USAID/State Department. Ultimately, increasing MCW’s visibility
in Washington at USAID/State Department will dramatically increase the Medical
College’s competitiveness for additional federal funding to benefit the entire MCW
community, as well as to complement the mission and objectives of the MCW Global
Health Program.