Aurora Health Care and Aurora Research Institute

- Aurora Health Care (AHC) is home to the Aurora Research Institute (ARI).
- ARI is committed to conducting cutting edge bench and clinical research within the AHC system and communities.
- The ARI promotes research in key service areas and provides pilot funding for future extramural grants.
- Leading the coordination of research grants is the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO), which also administers the Intramural Research Awards process.

Intramural Research Awards Program

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Intramural Awards Process

1. Call for Proposals
2. Letter of Intent (2 weeks)
3. Invitation to submit (1 month)
4. Award Notification (1 week)
5. Executive Committee review (1 week)
6. Scientific review (1 month)

Intramural Award Outcomes

- **2012-2015 Intramural Research Awards**

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- **2012-2015 CRA. Poster Presentation: "Pro-proliferative effect of Nifedipine, a L-type Ca2+ channel blocker, in NIH-3T3 fibroblasts." Aurora Scientific Day, 2015.**