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## The Pathologist and Loyola University Health System Announce Digital Communications Fellows

**New York, USA, May 25, 2021** – The Pathologist, in collaboration with the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Loyola University Health System, has selected the participants in its first ever Digital Communications Fellowship in Pathology program from a total of 51 applicants. Originally, the selection committee planned to choose three fellows but, due to the number and caliber of applicants, they increased to four. The inaugural group of fellows are:

- Melanie Bourgeau, a resident in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
- Sarah Garner, a pathologists' assistant and PhD student at Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
- Cullen Lilley, a medical student and master's student at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, Illinois, USA.
- Lavisha S. Punjabi, a resident in Anatomical Pathology at Singapore General Hospital, Singapore.

Michael Schubert, Editor of The Pathologist, observed, “Every applicant to the Digital Communications Fellowship in Pathology was amazing – and the diversity of applicants was breathtaking. We’re very proud to announce our four inaugural fellows and to welcome them to the program. I’m looking forward to the creative energy they’ll bring to digital communications over the next year and to seeing the leadership they take away with them!”

The Digital Communications Fellowship is designed for pathology-aspiring medical students,

pathology residents, and pathology fellows and underscores The Pathologist's ongoing commitment to support aspiring and practising pathologists with their development. The program's goal is to help the Fellows become digital communication experts so that they can advocate and inform the medical community about the importance of pathology in healthcare. The first six months of the fellowship will consist of online lessons taught by expert faculty, along with several interactive learning modules, and it will culminate with a capstone project in the final three months. The curriculum begins in July 2021 and the first class will graduate in March 2022, coinciding with the annual meeting of the United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP).

Fellowship co-director Kamran M. Mirza, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Education in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Loyola University Health System, had this to say about the program: "The Digital Communications Fellowship in Pathology represents our commitment to using all available technologies and strategies to effectively advocate for, educate, and inform everyone in healthcare about the central role pathology and laboratory medicine play in patient care. Our inaugural fellows, selected from a large pool of exceptionally well-qualified candidates, reflect the best from across the globe. I am so excited to welcome them and can't wait to see what fantastic digital communications leaders they become! Follow our fellows' journey on all social media (#DCFPath) and cheer them on!"

You can find out more about the Digital Communications Fellowship in Pathology [here](#).

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