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Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research’s
Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI²)
Class of 2022, Level 1

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research (the Academy) is delighted to announce the newest members of the Council of Early Career Investigators in Imaging (CECI²), Class of 2022. Boasting the largest class size to date, this year’s 41 early-career investigators were nominated by a combination of Academy member institutions, including 30 Academic Departments and 11 Imaging Societies. As we continue to expand the council’s reach and purpose, we are extremely grateful to our membership for their support of this program’s growth. Their support is vital to the council’s success.

This class will enter the program under its re-vamped Two-Level system. Beginning with Level 1 in mid-April, these investigators will attend and participate in a variety of engaging virtual programming over the next six to eight months. Please join us in welcoming the CECI² Class of 2022.

Please join the Academy in congratulating:

* Indicates they have been sponsored by an Academy member Imaging Society.

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These investigators will have the opportunity not only to participate in our digital programming, but also to earn a coveted spot in our Level 2 in-person events and meetings.

**Members of CECI² Level 1 will participate in various virtual activities, including:**

- CECI Class of 2022 Virtual Orientation
- The Academy’s CECI² Mock Study Section & Grant Review Process
- “Becoming an Advocate for Imaging,” an Advocacy 101 session with the Academy Senior Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives
- Peer to Peer networking with fellow class members and CECI² alumni through various “Wine about it” sessions
- Academy “Ask Me Anything” sessions with leaders and innovators from across our robust imaging community
- Dedicated NIH informational sessions, such as “Grant Funding Myth Busters” and “Welcome to the Jungle – How to successfully navigate the NIH’s grant funding process”

**And much more!**

Attendance at and participation in these virtual events will determine whether class members are invited to enter Level 2 of the CECI program. Successful completion of our Level 1 programming ensures that Level 2 participants have been able to absorb valuable information as well as connect with one another in advance of coming to Washington, D.C. to advocate for imaging research.
More details on Level 2 are forthcoming, but the Academy plans to include all approved Level 2 participants in our annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase events and meetings in the Spring of 2023.

The Academy formed CECI² as part of its commitment to ensuring that the next generation of imaging scientists have an opportunity to engage in and further understand the importance of advocacy. The CECI² serves as a networking and professional development resource for its members.

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