

## **Tulane University Inaugurates Oliver Fund Scholar Awards**

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Tulane University has presented the first Oliver Fund Scholar Award. The inaugural Oliver Fund Scholar is Dr. Hiroyuki Kobori, Associate Professor of Physiology in the School of Medicine. An award of \$44,000 will support Kobori's research in hypertension and renal pathophysiology.

Kobori's research supports the mission of the Tulane Hypertension and Renal Center of Excellence. Hypertension is one of Louisiana's and the Southeast region's primary healthcare issues, a major cardiovascular risk factor, and is closely linked to kidney disease. The Center fosters high-quality interdisciplinary research in hypertension and related kidney and cardiovascular diseases, and is a major force in support of interdisciplinary research university-wide.

The Oliver Fund was created to support and enhance Tulane's faculty and intellectual capital, which are among the institution's most valuable resources. The fund is intended to stimulate outstanding faculty research initiatives, to sustain such projects and to increase their competitiveness for national research support. Competitions for Oliver Fund awards will be held twice yearly, each focused in a particular area of research strength in science and engineering at Tulane.