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We Stand in Solidarity Against Racism

The Department of Bioengineering stands in solidarity with our students, staff and faculty against social injustice and acts of racism. We are shocked and saddened by the recent, brutal deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Nina Pop, Rayshard Brooks and others. Like many members of our community, we are frustrated that these deaths are only the most recent manifestations of long-standing racial inequality in this country.

The Department supports the call to action made by the Bourns College of Engineering.

- We acknowledge that systemic racism permeates and poisons all levels of academia.
- We affirm that the Department has zero tolerance for racism, institutional bias or acts of violence against Black members of our community.
- We are committed to supporting Black students and combating the bias and inequity they face.
- We are committed to critically examining our recruitment and retention efforts to better support Black students, faculty and staff.

We would also like to take this moment to recognize the essential contributions made every day by Black students, faculty and staff. They are part of the Bioengineering family, and the department would not be as strong today without their efforts.

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Bioengineering Assistant Professors Megan Peters, Justin Chartron, Joshua Morgan, and Kevin Freedman received seed funding from the UCR 2018 Collaborative Seed Grant Program. The program is administered by UCR's Research and Economic Development ([RED](#)) Office. Seed funding will help launch collaborative projects to generate preliminary data, and eventually seek external funding for continuation of the projects. The faculty teams and projects are:

1. Kalina Michalska (Psychology), Megan Peters (Bioengineering) Neural representation overlap may underlie abnormal fear learning in anxious youth.
2. Justin Chartron (Bioengineering), Joshua Morgan (Bioengineering) Identifying changes in translation and secretion in myocilin models of glaucoma.

3. Kevin Freedman (Bioengineering), Yadong Yin (Chemistry) Tuned plasmonic nanoparticles analyzed one-by-one using a nanofluidic pore for ultrasensitive chemical and biological sensing

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