



**Office of the Vice President
for Research**

Celebrating Excellence in Research and Innovation

In celebration of excellence in research and innovation, President Dr. Richard Englert, together with Dr. Michele Masucci, Vice President for Research, hosted Temple's inaugural President's Innovation Awards Gala on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Kimmel Center's Hamilton Garden, where Stephen S. Tang, President and CEO of the University Science Center, served as emcee for the evening.

The celebration was held in part to recognize and honor Temple University's Board of Trustees, for championing our research efforts and for their significant investment of \$50 million in 2012 to advance a university-wide strategy supporting technology commercialization. Trustee Lewis Gould Jr. accepted the President's Award, Champions of Research, on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Marla Wolfson, Professor in the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, was presented with the President's Award for Career Achievements for Inventions and Patents. Dr. Wolfson is the most patented active professor at Temple University- holding 15 patents for lifesaving technologies. Her research focuses on innovative strategies to mitigate traumatic lung and brain injury for the protection of the developing or mature lung from environmental or iatrogenic injury. "Pursuing patents, FDA approval and commercialization of discoveries is the best way I know of to help real people", said Wolfson.

The President's Award for Outstanding Achievements in Translational Research was presented to Dr. Kamel Khalili, the Laura H. Carnell Professor and Chair in the Department of Neuroscience at Temple University. Dr. Khalili's research aims to understand the biological events involved in control of neural cell function, growth and differentiation. This year Excision BioTherapeutics received \$10 million in seed funding to further Dr. Khalili's work to cure HIV. "Our goal is to cure AIDS and the time is now", says Khalili.

Drs. Englert, Masucci and the entire Temple community commend the Board and Trustees for their vision and the faculty awardee's for their groundbreaking and phenomenal research. "Temple's unwavering commitment to the community is what's most remarkable about its research growth", says Masucci, Vice President for Research at Temple University.

To learn more about the Office of the Vice President for Research or to submit nominee's for next year's gala, contact Andrew McGinley, Executive Director, at Andrew.mc@temple.edu.