

# Two MD/PhD Students Are Awarded Grants from the American Heart Association

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We are pleased to announce that we now have two students in the MD/PhD program who have received a grant award from the American Heart Association.

The first MD/PhD student to be awarded an American Heart Association grant was Albert Yu. Albert is doing his thesis project in the lab of Lixia Yue, Ph.D., Associate Professor from the Department of Cell Biology and Calhoun Cardiology Center. His funding started earlier this year. The title of his project is "Monocyte/Macrophage TRPM2-mediated inflammation in Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury."

This month, Maria Xu received notice from the American Heart Association that she was also awarded a grant. Maria is doing her thesis project in the lab of Tony Vella, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology. The title of her project is "Altered flow as a trigger for IL-36 driven T cell activation in early atherosclerosis".

We are very happy for both Albert and Maria and very grateful to their mentors for all their work and support of these students.