



The Developing Scholar Award

Nandita R. Nadig, M.D., MSCR, is exactly the sort of curious, enthusiastic, physician scientist that the Developing Scholar Award was designed to support. Her dedication and tireless work ethic shine as she furthers the tripartite mission of service, education, and research. A senior colleague describes her research record as exemplary promising long-term success in an academic career.

Before joining the MUSC faculty in 2015, Nadig earned a medical degree from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bangalore, India. She completed a residency at Mount Auburn Hospital, Harvard Medical School and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at MUSC. During her fellowship, she enrolled in MUSC's Master of Science in Clinical Research program, which she completed in 2016.

Although early in her career, Nadig has already completed five funded research projects and is currently involved in six more. She is developing technology-enabled interventions for rural and underserved patients and family members to improve communication in the ICU setting. This work is timely and capitalizes on MUSC's strength as a Center of Telehealth, as designated by the Human Resources and Services Administration.

Nadig is an exemplary team scientist, demonstrating collaborative skills that build high functioning multidisciplinary teams for multicenter research projects. She has actively sought collaborators from various institutional leaders around MUSC, including the College of Nursing, the Department of Healthcare Leadership, and the Department of Public Health. Regionally, she has completed projects on coping and therapeutic alliance in families of ICU patients with researchers at Duke University. Nationally, she is the co-investigator on an RO-1 with researchers at the University of Vermont, wherein they are evaluating communication strategies with ICU patients.

She has received funding from the SC Telehealth Alliance, the John R. Raymond Mentoring Fellowship, the PERK Doris Duke Foundation, the Parker B. Francis Foundation, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the American Thoracic Society.

Nadig's significant contributions to MUSC in such a short time promise a bright future for further exploration and expansion. Therefore, the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation presents the Developing Scholar Award to Nandita R. Nadig, M.D., MSCR, on August 17, 2021.