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Dear Colleagues,

The BWH Women's Brain Initiative is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2020 WBI Fellowships awards. Proposals were reviewed by a cross-departmental committee of faculty members, who selected the following two proposals for funding:

**-Jessica Lipschitz, PhD:** *Predicting clinical and functional outcomes in postmenopausal women with major depression.*



Dr Lipschitz is a clinical psychologist and an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry, where she also serves as associate director for the Digital Behavioral Health and Informatics Research Program. Dr Lipschitz received her PhD from the University of Rhode Island and joined Brigham in 2015. Her research focusses on the application of mobile devices and digital methods for monitoring and treating depression and other brain disorders.

**-Rajae Talbi, PhD:** *A novel female-specific hypothalamic pathway underlying the metabolic regulation of ovulation.*



Dr Talbi is a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Victor Navarro, Division of Endocrinology. She received her PhD jointly from the University of Strasbourg, France, and the Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in her native Morocco. She moved to BWH in 2017. Her fellowship project will use mouse genetic tools to understand the neural circuits that link nutritional state to female fertility.

We congratulate our two awardees and thank everyone who applied to the WBI Fellowship Program.

Best wishes,

Charles Jennings, PhD  
Executive Director, Program for Interdisciplinary Neuroscience

Kate Burdick, PhD  
Faculty Director, Women's Brain Initiative