

**ASCO CONQUER CANCER  
SONTAG FOUNDATION  
YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD**

This honor is awarded annually to a promising investigator who has shown an interest in brain tumor research.

The one-year grant totaling \$50,000 supports the individual in the transition from a fellowship program to a faculty appointment.



*2023 Award Recipient*

**Nina Theresa Yoh, M.D.**

Columbia University Medical Center

**Project:** "Using Focused Ultrasound to Open the Blood-Brain Barrier for Liquid Biopsy; A Study in Children with Progressive Diffuse Midline Glioma"

**Mentored By:** Elisa Konofagu, PhD & Cheng-Chia Wu, MD, PhD



*2022 Award Recipient*

**Kristen Batich, M.D., Ph.D.**

Duke University

**Project:** "Endogenous dendritic cell trafficking and antitumor immunity in spontaneous glioblastoma"

**Mentored by:** E. Ashley Moseman, Ph.D., and John Sampson, M.D., Ph.D.



*2022 Award Recipient*

**S. John Liu, M.D., Ph.D.**

University of California, San Francisco

**Project:** "Defining in vivo mechanisms of radiation resistance in glioblastoma using Perturb-seq"

**Mentored by:** David Raleigh, M.D., Ph.D., and William Weiss, M.D., Ph.D



*2022 Award Recipient*  
**Maria Trissal, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

**Project:** "Investigating the role of PDGFRA in H3K27M diffuse midline glioma stem-cell maintenance and tumorigenicity"

**Mentored by:** Mariella Filbin, M.D., Ph.D

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*2021 Award Recipient*

**Ivan Kotchetkov, M.D.**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

**Project:** "Combining CAR T cell therapy with radiation to address glioblastoma immunoresistance and heterogeneity"

**Mentored by:** Ingo Mellingerhoff, M.D. and Michel Sadelain, M.D., Ph.D.



*2020 Award Recipient*

**Bryan Iorgulescu, M.D.**

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

**Project:** "Dissecting the Immunogenomics of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Response and Resistance in Glioblastomas"

**Mentored by:** David Reardon, M.D. and Catherine Wu, M.D.