

**Congratulations to the July 1, 2016  
CDI Today's and Tomorrow's Children Fund Scholars**



The 11th annual **Today's and Tomorrow's Children Fund (TTCF)** awards were presented to three pediatric faculty researchers from the **UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovation Institute (CDI)** on April 21, 2016. The awardees are shown above with some of the TTCF members. Since 2006, the TTCF group has made a significant impact supporting innovative research at Mattel Children's Hospital and at the UCLA's CDI Institute since it was established in 2012. Applications were reviewed by a scientific committee led by Sherin Devaskar, M.D., Executive Chair of the UCLA Department of Pediatrics and the CDI Institute. Top finalists were presented to the TTCF philanthropic members who voted for final selection for funding and level of funding. Research funding period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

- ◆ **Elizabeth Marcus, MD** **\$90,000**  
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Gastroenterology  
*"From tummy aches to ulcers: Understanding the mechanism of stomach injury in the children infected with H. pylori"*
  
- ◆ **Kalpashri Kesavan, MBBS** **\$60,000**  
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Neonatology  
*"Proprioceptive simulation for apnea of prematurity"*
  
- ◆ **Katherine Wesseling Perry, MD** **\$60,000**  
Associate Professor, Pediatric Nephrology  
*"Extracellular matrix and bone biology in CKD"*

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