Amy Yeboah Quarkume, Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences is recipient of an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship $296,000 award.

Atanu Duttaroy, Professor, College of Arts & Sciences is a recipient of a National Institutes of Health (NIH): National Institute on Aging $369,048 award entitled, Advancing Aging Research Through Development of Minority Gerontologists.

Timothy Ramadhar, Assistant Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, has been awarded a three-year $378,682 National Sciences Foundation (NSF) award. His research is entitled, Acquisition of a High Brilliance X-Ray Diffractometer for Fundamental Materials and Catalyst Research and Education.

Goulda Downer, Associate Professor, College of Medicine is recipient of a $225,000 Gilead Sciences, Inc. entitled, Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) HIV/HCV Prevention Program.
Dr. Kera Lawson joined the Office of Research in October 2020 as Executive Director of Research Development. Dr. Lawson brings over a decade of biomedical research and grant administration experience spanning across academia, non profit sector, and government. As Executive Director, the primary goals of Dr. Lawson are to advance Howard’s research mission with a particular focus on working with Schools and Colleges to increase the production of research proposal submissions to federal, local, and philanthropic sponsors. Dr. Lawson also serves as the Carnegie Institute Research Status liaison as this concerns the Howard goal to attain R1 status. In this role, Dr. Lawson works with Howard University’s Office of Institutional Assessment and Research, and representatives of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to monitor and report survey data that is relevant to the attainment of R1 status. She also works with non-profit institutions that assist HBCUs in the development and advancement of research portfolios. In addition, Dr. Lawson monitors, engages in follow-up and reports on research initiatives and research-related inquiries that are directed to President Frederick.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Dr. Lawson received her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Xavier University of Louisiana and her doctorate in biomedical science (neuroscience and pharmacology) from Meharry Medical College. She previously served as a Senior Health Services Researcher, providing oversight of the scientific and programmatic review processes and subject matter expertise on the research-to-translation life cycle for the Defense Health Agency’s Research and Development Directorate. She also led the development and publication of the Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury clinical practice guideline. In 2012, Dr. Lawson was a contractor for the military’s Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate. Prior to this, she was a behavioral pharmacology research fellow in the Vanderbilt Center for Neuroscience Drug Discovery.

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Howard University ‘PITCH HU’ Competition, Sponsored by Fiserv and Powered by Humble

Pitch HU was born out of a partnership between Fiserv, who sponsors the program with a $100,000 grant to Howard University’s Office of Research, and Humble Ventures who provided the program content and management. The mission of Pitch HU is to bring together the greater Howard University community through an experiential-learning incubator program that helps accelerate participant entrepreneurs, whether they have an idea or a business.

The first Pitch HU cohort consisted of 42 participant entrepreneurs:

- Sixteen Alumni,
- Two Howard University staff,
- Six Howard faculty,
- Seven Howard Students, and
- Fourteen people connected to the greater Howard University community.

*Some participant entrepreneurs may count in more than one category