



Dear Einstein Community:

We are pleased to announce that Fernando Macian, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology at Einstein, has agreed to assume the position of associate director of our Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). Fernando's long-standing commitment to outstanding research, teaching, and mentoring makes him an ideal choice for this role.

Fernando has been devoted to the MSTP as a member of its steering committee and as course director for its Mechanisms of Disease course. He has trained five MSTP students: four of whom now hold faculty or fellowship positions at NYU, Stanford, Mount Sinai, and Boston Children's Hospital, and the fifth is a resident in the Northwestern Pediatrics Physician-Scientist Training Program.

He also has been active in the graduate division, serving for many years as the pathology department representative on its executive committee. In recognition of his outstanding teaching, the Einstein graduate students chose Fernando as the 2008 recipient of the LaDonne H. Schulman Teaching Award.

Fernando received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Valencia, in Spain. Following postdoctoral work at Harvard Medical School, he came to Einstein in 2003 and rose to the rank of professor. His research focuses on the induction of tolerance in T cells, and the role of autophagy in tolerance and aging in T-cell function. His work has been supported by numerous NIH and foundation grants.

We're confident that Fernando's knowledge, experience, and mentoring skills will contribute greatly to sustaining the Einstein MSTP as an outstanding training program for future physician-scientists. Please join us in welcoming Fernando as the associate director of our MSTP.

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