

The Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine has inaugurated a Young Investigator Award for the 2008 TERMIS-NA Conference and Expo. This award was designed to recognize outstanding achievements of young investigators in order to foster career development and encourage solutions to the problems of regenerative medicine. The award consists of a certificate, \$2500 cash prize, and recognition at the 2008 TERMIS-NA Conference and Expo. We are pleased to announce this year's winners: Alison McGuigan, Ph.D. and Kristen Moffat, M.S.



Dr. McGuigan received her Bachelor's and Master's Engineering Degrees from the University of Oxford. She completed her Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Sefton at the University of Toronto with a thesis entitled "Design and Fabrication of a Vascularised Tissue Engineered Construct." Following a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard with Dr. George Whitesides, she is now completing a post-doctoral fellowship in the department of pathology at Stanford University in the laboratory of Dr. Jeff Axelrod. She recently accepted a faculty position at the University of Toronto in the Department of Chemical Engineering to begin in April, 2009



Kristen L. Moffat is a doctoral student in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Columbia University. She is currently pursuing interface tissue engineering research in the Biomaterials and Interface Tissue Engineering Laboratory (BITEL) under the guidance of Dr. Helen H. Lu. Kristen graduated with college and university honors from Carnegie Mellon University earning dual degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering. Her doctoral research has focused on elucidating the structure-function relationship of soft tissue-to-bone interfaces and developing novel scaffold systems for tendon-to-bone tissue engineering and integrative soft tissue repair. Kristen is also a recipient of an NSF GK-12 Graduate Teaching Fellowship at Columbia University.

Congratulation to Alison and Kristen!