NYSCF Mission

Accelerating cures for the major diseases of our time through stem cell research
NYSCF Programs

NYSCF Innovators: Fellows and Investigators

NYSCF Conferences and Symposia

NYSCF Research Institute

NYSCF-Robertson Stem Cell Prize
The NYSCF – Robertson Stem Cell Prize

Inaugural prize was awarded in October 2011 at NYSCF Gala

• Internationally renowned prize jury:
  Douglas A. Melton, PhD
  Christine Mummery, PhD
  Lorenz Studer, MD
  Irving L. Weissman, MD
  Peter J. Coffey, DPhil (2012 jury)

• The annual prize is awarded to an outstanding stem cell scientist in recognition of path-breaking translational stem cell research.

Designed by Frank Gehry
2011 Prize Winner
Peter Coffey, DPhil

- Using human embryonic stem cells to cure blindness
- Macular Degeneration clinical trial begins in 2013
2012 Prize winner: Kazutoshi Takahashi, PhD

• Helped develop a revolutionary technique for turning skin cells into stem cells

• Postdoctoral fellow of 2012 Nobel Prize recipient Shinya Yamanaka
Mutually Beneficial Relationship

**Prize Recipient**
- Provides unrestricted, “nimble” funding
- Recognition attracts additional funding and new opportunities

**NYSCF**
- Brings light to achievements in the field and demonstrates what is possible
- Encourages young scientists to enter the field

**Partner**
- Naming opportunity
- A mechanism to support breakthrough medical research