

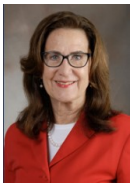
Dr. Raymond J. Grill Excellence through Mentoring Program

Hosts Workshop at Texas A&M University in College Station, Claire Hulsebosch, PhD is Featured Speaker

Research shows that the presence of effective mentoring relationships in the lives of early-career scientists is a reliable indicator of career success. Mentoring support is especially important in the laboratory-based sciences, where the tedious nature of bench work and an isolating lab environment can quickly burn-out a new scientists. As a stakeholder in the advancement of neurotrauma medicine, Mission Connect launched the Dr. Raymond J. Grill Excellence through Mentoring Program to advance the skills of trainees, graduate students and post-docs, promote their well-being, and with this, their future success in neurotrauma research.

As part of Mission Connect's mentoring program, two workshops focused on presentations skills were held in the Texas Medical Center in 2020 and again in 2022 (with a one year gap due to Covid-19 meeting restrictions.) On June 9, 2023, the third mentoring workshop was held at Texas A&M University in College Station. Twenty-five participants filled the room as Dr. Claire Hulsebosch presented, *Your Career Path to Research Success*. "Dr. Hulsebosch was one of the founding members of Mission Connect and its second Scientific Director, so we were especially pleased that she led the first workshop in College Station. Our gratitude also goes to Jen Dulin, PhD, TIRR Foundation Fellow and Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology at Texas A&M University, for coordinating the workshop.", Cynthia Adkins, Executive Director of TIRR Foundation. More workshops are planned

About The Speaker



Dr. Hulsebosch is a Professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the McGovern Medical School. Currently, Dr. Hulsebosch is also part of the scientific advisory board for both the Neurological Recovery Network and the North American Clinical Trials Network, which are actively involved in advancing clinical trials in spinal cord injury. She serves as scientific advisor to the National Institute of Health for Neuroscience Initiatives, on study section for National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, on the Craig Neilsen Foundation, the Christopher and Dana Reeves Foundation, the New Jersey Commission for Spinal Cord Injury Research, The Kentucky Initiative for Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Research, The New York Commission for Spinal Cord injury Research and a variety of editorial and review boards for scientific journals. She was a founder and served as Director of Mission Connect from 2005 to 2008 and was the lead for Baylor, UT Houston and UTMB's involvement during the formative years in the formation of Mission Connect.

The Name Behind the Mentoring Program



Raymond J. Grill, Ph.D. died suddenly on May 30, 2018, at the age of 52. Dr. Grill spent more than 20 years in research focused on SCI and neurodegenerative diseases. He joined Mission Connect in 2001 and was among the first of four recipients to receive funding from The TIRR Emily Endowment. In addition to being a gifted researcher who made major contributions to science, Ray is remembered for dedicating what little free time he had to mentor many students, junior faculty, and trainees.

It is said that Ray never let these students lose sight of the real-world reason for their research; to ease the burdens carried by individuals living with neurological injuries and disease. Like many others, Dr. Grill recognized that it is this next generation of scientists, building on what we are discovering today, who will see an SCI patient walk again, cure ALS and other devastating neurological diseases.