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Patrick Reynolds Joins the University of Tennessee Research Foundation

KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee Research Foundation (UTRF) has announced that Patrick Reynolds, Ph.D., has joined the organization as a licensing associate.

"Dr. Patrick Reynolds has decided to pursue a career in technology transfer, and we are very excited he decided to launch his career with the University of Tennessee," said David Washburn, vice president of UTRF.

Before joining UTRF, Patrick was a postdoctoral fellow at Emory University. His research there focused on examining several genetic and environmental factors contributing to neurodegeneration. He also served as an intern in Emory's Office of Technology Transfer for a year, focusing on commercializing medical devices and diagnostics. In addition, he helped faculty construct business plans and submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant proposals.

While in Atlanta, Patrick also served as a life science consultant for Ripple Management. He drafted numerous patentability and market assessments for the firm on technologies ranging from microbial bioremediation to neuroinjury therapeutics.

Patrick also served as director of the First Contact Program for Georgia Bio. In this role, he helped connect graduate students and postdoctoral scholars with mentors in various life science careers (patent law, business development, medical writing, etc.) in the greater Atlanta area.

At the University of Tennessee, Patrick will focus the majority of his efforts serving the Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville. Additionally, Patrick will focus on technologies Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology; Genome Science and Technology; Microbiology and Biomedical Engineering.

Patrick obtained his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His doctoral research examined specificity of substrate targeting in the ubiquitin proteasome system and led to publication in several journals.

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