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## **IADR Announces Recipients of the 2026 IADR STAR Network Fellowship**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the 2026 recipients of the IADR STAR Network Fellowship. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 104<sup>th</sup> General Session of the IADR, which was held in conjunction with the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research on March 25-28, 2026 in San Diego, CA, USA.

The recipients are:

- **Claire Houchen**  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Visiting lab: Dr. Marcelo Freire at J. Craig Venter Institute, La Jolla
- **Xin Li**  
University of North Carolina  
Visiting lab: Dr. J. Silvio Gutkind at Moores Cancer Center, University of California, San Diego

The IADR Student Training and Research (STAR) Network seeks to bridge the global knowledge gap in clinical and basic science research, academic career development, and training methodologies so that young students, researchers, and program directors are exposed to best practices beyond their own schools, mentors, or programs. The IADR STAR Network Fellowship supports awardee attendance at the IADR General Session, as well as research experience in a renowned research laboratory immediately before or after the IADR General Session.

### **About IADR**

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research for health and well-being worldwide. IADR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit, and private-sector institutions who share our mission. Learn more at [www.iadr.org](http://www.iadr.org).

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