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## RSNA Press Release

# RSNA R&E Foundation Announces Ullrich Research Resident Grant

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[Christopher G. Ullrich, M.D.](#)

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OAK BROOK, Ill. (March 24, 2026) – The Radiological Society of North America ([RSNA](#)) and the RSNA Research & Education (R&E) Foundation have announced a new research grant: the Ullrich Research Resident Grant.

The grant is in recognition of a historic \$3 million estate gift from the late Christopher G. Ullrich, M.D., and Betsy C. Ullrich. Their gift is the largest single donation in the R&E Foundation’s 40-year history.

Following his medical degree and residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, Dr. Ullrich completed a fellowship in neuroradiology at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland. He then dedicated his career to Charlotte Radiology in Charlotte, N.C. Dr. Ullrich received the silver medal award from the North Carolina Radiological Society in 2016.

Since his passing in 2021, he is remembered for his professional excellence and enduring commitment to the field. Betsy Ullrich was a dedicated philanthropist and a lover of animals, supporting animal rescue for many years. She passed away in March 2025.

The Ullrichs’ dedication to the RSNA R&E Foundation was evident through their continual support as Presidents Circle donors and Gold Visionary donors, in addition to their legacy gift. A longtime RSNA member, Dr. Ullrich was deeply involved with the Society throughout his lifetime, serving as Assembly Faculty at the RSNA annual meeting and as a member of the Technical Exhibits Committee, and publishing in the RSNA journals [Radiology](#) and [RadioGraphics](#).

“We are among the best educated people in our society,” Dr. Ullrich once said. “We have an obligation to use that education to inform and better our society over time, and my career has been built around that notion.”

Since its inception in 1984, the RSNA R&E Foundation has awarded over \$88 million in grant funding to deserving researchers and educators that help make a tangible difference in medical imaging and patient care worldwide. From the beginning, the Foundation has remained dedicated to the future of radiology by developing investigators and supporting lifelong research.

Funding from research grants allows investigators to explore complex, high-impact projects, laying the groundwork for clinical applications down the road.

“We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Christopher Ullrich and his wife Betsy for including the Foundation in their legacy planning, paving the way for a bright future for new generations of grant recipients,” said Pamela K. Woodard, M.D., chair of the R&E Foundation Board of Trustees. “In naming a grant for the Ullrichs, we will remember Dr. Ullrich’s contributions to the field of radiology and honor both of them for their philanthropy and generosity towards improving the lives of patients, students and scientists.”

The first Ullrich Research Resident Grant will be funded in 2026.

RSNA is an association of radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists and related scientists, promoting excellence in patient care and health care delivery through education, research and technologic innovation. The Society is based in Oak Brook, Ill. ([RSNA.org](https://www.rsna.org))

The mission of the R&E Foundation is to invest in the future of radiology by developing investigators and supporting lifelong innovative research and education. ([RSNA.org/Foundation](https://www.rsna.org/Foundation))

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