2022 Marion Spencer Fay Award Honoree

Nina F. Schor, MD, PhD

Nina F. Schor, MD, PhD, is deputy director and acting scientific director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Before coming to NIH, Dr. Schor spent 20 years on faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, ultimately becoming the Carol Ann Craumer Professor of Pediatric Research, chief of the Division of Child Neurology in the Department of Pediatrics, and associate dean for medical student research. In 2006, Dr. Schor became the William H. Eilinger Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and pediatrician-in-chief of the Golisano Children’s Hospital at the University of Rochester, posts she held until January 2018, when she became deputy director of the NINDS.

For 27 years in academia, her research on neural crest development and neoplasia was continuously funded by NIH. At NINDS, she led the Division of Intramural Research and the Ultra-Rare GENE-targeted Therapies (URGenT) Network and strategic planning and career development programs. In August 2022, Dr. Schor became NIH deputy director for intramural research. She also serves as a neurology director for the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

She is being honored with the 2022 Marion Spencer Fay Award for her transformative, uniquely impactful ongoing research and leadership contributions in neurology and neuroscience; for her work on building and sustaining innovative systems and programs designed to expand the understanding of neurological disease mechanisms that enhance patient access to cutting-edge therapies; for her work in inspiring and empowering the full diversity of the neuroscience workforce; and for her demonstrated commitment to mentorship.