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Neugebauer Appointed New Executive Director and Chief Scientific Officer of the Garrison Institute on Aging

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) appointed Volker Neugebauer, M.D., Ph.D., as the new executive director and chief scientific officer of the Garrison Institute on Aging.

Neugebauer will continue to serve as chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience. After moving to TTUHSC in 2014, he established a new Center of Excellence for Translational Neuroscience and Therapeutics to bridge basic science and clinical disciplines through scholarly activities. As the chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience, he created a pain-alcohol neuroplasticity research group, successfully recruiting several faculty with emphasis on brain dysfunction in opioid/substance abuse disorders and cross-linked areas of neuroplasticity in epileptogenesis and neurodegenerative disorders.

“Dr. Neugebauer has a proven track record of leading his teams in a positive, nurturing manner consistent with TTUHSC’s culture,” said Steven L. Berk, M.D., TTUHSC executive vice president and School of Medicine dean. “He will do an excellent job of advancing the mission of the Garrison Institute on Aging through the creation and application of new knowledge about healthy aging through research, innovative interdisciplinary education and collaborative community outreach efforts.”

The Garrison Institute on Aging is a unique organization whose mission is to promote healthy aging through cutting-edge research in aging-related health issues, including Alzheimer's disease, as well as through innovative educational and community outreach programs that target students, clinicians, researchers, health care professionals and the public.

Neugebauer’s research program, continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health for the past two decades, is focused on synaptic and cellular neuroplastic changes in higher brain functions and dysfunctions. Neugebauer’s team uses state-of-the-art multidisciplinary research approaches. While his own work is dedicated to better treatment strategies for chronic pain conditions to improve quality of life and healthy aging, his expertise in brain research has resulted in collaborative research projects and publications on neurodegenerative disorders including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

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