



The Department of Internal Medicine is excited to announce that Robert Tarran, PhD arrived at KUMC on July 3, 2023, to lead a new Division of Genetic, Environmental and Inhalational Disease in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Tarran's research program has centered on studying airway ion channels and their role in lung disease and he is a leader in the study of CF epithelia. He was instrumental in developing the methodology to measure ion channel activity under native conditions seen in the lung. He also studies e-cigarettes and published some of the first studies on vaping in human lungs.

Dr Tarran received his BSc from The University of Leeds and his PhD in Physiology from Newcastle University in the UK and completed post-doctoral research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of California at Berkley.

Dr. Tarran joins the department to amalgamate these research interests to build a center of excellence focusing on genetic, environmental, and inhalational diseases. His work will complement and elevate existing programs and will have strong synergies with our Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine along with other research centers and departments.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Dr. Robert Tarran to the Department of Internal Medicine.

Matthias Salathe, MD | Professor & Chair