Dr. David S. Finley (far left), clinical instructor, and Dr. Isla Garraway, assistant professor, both in the UCLA Department of Urology, received Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) Young Investigator Awards for their innovative research. The awards include three-year funding to further their work.

Finley received the Lynda & Stewart Resnick - PCF Young Investigator Award for his research addressing the interaction between the fat around the prostate gland and prostate cancer. He hypothesized that various inflammatory proteins (cytokines) released from the fat may be involved in tumor development.

Garraway received the Winter Vinecki - PCF Young Investigator Award Sponsored by Lori Milken. Garraway’s research goal is to define and characterize human prostate cancer stem cells -- which may help explain why many tumors become resistant to medical treatment -- and to target and eradicate these aggressive cells.