

**BIOGRAPHY****Laura J. Niedernhofer, MD, PhD**

Laura Niedernhofer joined the University of Minnesota in July 2018 to direct the new Institute on the Biology of Aging & Metabolism and Medical Discovery Team on the Biology of Aging. She is a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics at UMN. Dr. Niedernhofer's expertise is in DNA damage and repair, genome instability disorders, cellular senescence, and aging biology. Her research program is centered on studying fundamental mechanisms of aging and developing therapeutics to target them. She contributed to the discovery of a new class of drugs called senolytics. Laura has served on study section for NCI, NIEHS, and NIA. She has been awarded for research in aging, cancer and environmental health science and was the 2018 recipient of the Vincent Cristafolo Rising Star in Aging Research awarded by the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR). She is currently serving on the Advisory Council to the Division of Aging Biology at NIA and on the Board of Directors for American Federation of Aging Research. Laura was recently nominated to The Academy for Health and Lifespan Research.