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\$300K Grant For UB Researcher

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A Saudi Arabian university is giving \$300,000 in grant money to a University at Buffalo cancer researcher.

Kate Rittenhouse-Olson, who teaches at UB's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, will receive funds from King Saud University in Riyadh as a means to continue working with Saudi researcher Adel Almogren on a vaccine for breast cancer, UB said Thursday. The pair began working together when Almogren attended UB as a graduate student.

The idea behind the vaccine is that it would decrease tumors in cancer patients by blocking cancer metastasis. It would first be tested on animals. In a release, Rittenhouse-Olson called the project "a very promising vaccine target."

"If we are successful, it could be important to breast, colon, bladder and prostate cancer patients," she said.

According to Almogren, the research is a step toward enhancing Saudi Arabia's knowledge-based economy.

"This initiative is a step in that direction," he said. "Collaborative research between KSU and UB could open a wide channel of scientific interaction that may not be limited to this special project."

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