

**Vision Statement**

"Dr Mollapour has a deep commitment to SBUR and will ensure that the financial resources of the Society meet its present and future needs. He will also ensure that the Society has an appropriate reserves and investment policies, as well as all proper financial records and procedures are maintained in a balanced portfolio."

**Biography**

Dr Mehdi Mollapour is a Professor, Vice Chair for Translational Research and Director of Renal Cancer Biology Program for the Department of Urology, and Adjunct Professor at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

After receiving his PhD in Biochemistry from the University College London (UCL), UK, Dr. Mollapour completed his post-doctoral research at the University of Sheffield, UK. He is also trained as a research fellow at the Urologic Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute, NIH. Dr. Mollapour previously received the Federation of European Societies (FEBS) fellowship and the First Ferruccio Ritossa Career Award from Cell Stress Society International. He was the Young Investigator of the Society for Basic Urological Research (SBUR) in 2017. Dr Mollapour is a Research Scholar of the Urology Care Foundation and the American Urological Association (AUA).

Dr. Mollapour's scientific contributions include demonstrating the reciprocal regulation of the molecular chaperone Hsp90 and its kinase clients and how this translates towards tumors selectivity and sensitivity to Hsp90 drugs. His group, funded by NIH has identified new Hsp90 co-chaperones, FNIP1/FNIP2 and Tsc1, which decelerate Hsp90 chaperone activity. Additionally, his group is evaluating the drugs that target the molecular chaperone complex in kidney cancer.