

January 7, 2019



# CCTS DIGEST

## Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.



### Did You Know?

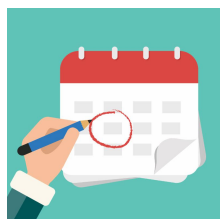
The final Common Rule, published on June 19, 2018, will go into effect in two weeks (Monday, January 21, 2019). Seventeen major funding agencies have adopted the revisions to federal regulations governing human subjects research. The new rule includes changes to processes for informed consent, IRB reviews (exemption and continuing), and Expedited Status Updates as well as to definitions for *research*, *human subject*, *clinical trial*, *identifiable private information*, and *identifiable biospecimen*. UAB's Office of the IRB (OIRB) will host several presentations this week exploring the rule's revised exempt categories for social, behavioral, and education research; changes to the informed consent process for biomedical research; and new exempt categories for biomedical research. In November 2018, OIRB presented an overview of the impending Common Rule changes, now available via slide deck and video. [More](#)

### News/Announcements



### CCTS Announces CHIA 2018 Grantees

Congratulations to our 6th Annual Community Health Innovation Award (CHIA) grantees, who were honored at an awards ceremony on Monday, December 17, 2018, at the UAB National Alumni House. Thanks to the generosity of our CHIA 2018 donors, a total of \$56,000 was distributed to launch or extend four projects addressing critical health concerns in the Birmingham community. CCTS also thanks the staff, faculty, and volunteers, including mentors and judges, who help make the CHIA program a success every year. [More](#)



### Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Translational Research Learning Opportunities

Graduate students, postdocs, trainees, and faculty from early career to senior level are encouraged to take advantage of several outstanding training opportunities on the horizon. Whether you wish to develop new translational a/o clinical research skills, meet new mentors or collaborators, or brainstorm solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing our health system, there is an upcoming event for you! [More](#)

### Funding Opportunities

**NIH Releases 40+ Fast-Track HEAL FOAs--Apply Soon!**  
The [NIH Helping to End Addiction Long-term \(HEAL\)](#) funding



opportunities posted over the past few weeks offer translational researchers from across the T-spectrum (T0-T4) a new source of support for discovery research, preclinical development, clinical trials, implementation/dissemination studies, and technology development or commercialization. The catch? Most have short application windows (i.e., late January-early February deadlines) and specialized submission criteria (e.g., all applicants to [RFA-NS-19-021](#), which will fund pain-related comparative effectiveness clinical trials, must include a letter of support from CCTS). Check out the list and share broadly with your colleagues. [More](#)



### **Enhance Your Research with a CCTS and/or Radiology Imaging Development Voucher**

Do you have specimens that need processing, data that need analyzing, or subjects who require dietary, nursing, or regulatory support? Would your project benefit from molecular, functional or anatomic images? The CCTS and UAB Dept. of Radiology voucher programs offer extra support that may help take your research to the next level. Investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at any CCTS Partner institution are encouraged to apply. Each program offers up to \$5,000 in direct costs. [More](#)



### **Apply for NCATS SBIR and STTR Funding Through the 2018 Omnibus Solicitation**

NCATS recently released two new SBIR/STTR funding opportunities through the 2018 Omnibus Solicitation. Representatives of small businesses and research organizations focused on commercializing innovative medical technologies are encouraged to **submit applications to [PA-18-574](#) and [PA-18-575](#) by 5pm, Monday, January 7, 2019.** [More](#)



### **UAB Multiple Sclerosis Center (MSC) Now Accepting LOIs for Pilot Studies**

The MSC awards funding to exceptional UAB scientists for pilot projects in support of novel research in the field of MS. These awards, made possible through generous philanthropic giving, advance promising MS research and undergird high-risk/high-reward projects with the potential to discover new treatments with disease-modifying impact. **Letters of intent are due by Friday, January 11, 2019.** [More](#)



### **Apply for the Deep South RCMAR Health Disparities Research Pilot Grant 2019**

The Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) invites Letters of Intent (LOI) to apply for one-year pilot grants focusing on minority aging and health disparities in the African American population. **LOIs are due by Monday, January 14, 2019.** [More](#)



### **Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

NIH has released two new FOAs associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. Specifically, these FOAs seek to support the creation of a translational science network devoted exclusively to immunotherapy approaches to treat and prevent adult cancers. **Submit applications to [RFA-CA-19-014](#) and [RFA-CA-19-015](#) by 5pm, Thursday, February 8, 2019.** [More](#)

# CD2H

## \$100K CD2H Idea Competition

The CTSA Program's National Center for Data to Health (CD2H) is excited to announce the launch of the CD2H Idea Competition. This is an opportunity to turn your scientific question into a DREAM Challenge to be tackled by teams around the world. If your idea is selected, you will receive a \$100,000 subcontract to run the DREAM Challenge in collaboration with the CD2H. **The deadline to submit your initial proposal is Friday, February 15, 2019.** [More](#)

## This Week's Learning Opportunities

### CCTS DROP-IN CLINICS



#### CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Jan. 7 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | [More](#)



#### Revised Common Rule Webinar: Exempt Research (SBER)

This session will focus on the revised exempt categories with an emphasis on social, behavioral, and education research (SBER). Video conference available.

Jan. 7 | 10-11am | Finley Conference Center | [More](#)



#### Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication

Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship. Our case-based discussions help participants discover new strategies to maximize the benefits of this career-enhancing skill. Open to investigators at any level from across the CCTS Partner Network. [Registration requested](#), walk-ins welcome. Zoom available.

Jan. 9 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | [More](#)

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#### CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the second Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Jan. 9 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)



#### Revised Common Rule Webinar: Informed Consent (Biomedical)

This session will focus on new informed consent requirements with an emphasis on biomedical research. Video conference available.

Jan. 9 | 1-2pm | Finley Conference Center | [More](#)



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This session will focus on the revised exempt categories with an emphasis on biomedical research. Video conference available.

Jan. 9 | 2-3pm | Finley Conference Center | [More](#)



### **January Forum - Mastering Peer Review: Insights from the Editors**

If one of your 2019 resolutions is to see your research make it into publication, do not miss this special CCTS Forum. Joined by a multidisciplinary panel of journal Editors-in-Chief, we will explore best practices and what aspiring authors need to consider as they prepare articles for peer review. With rejection rates as high as 90% among certain high-impact journals and major changes on the horizon to address data sharing and reproducibility, even well-established science writers will benefit from this discussion.

**Jan. 9 | 4:00-5:30pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available | [More](#)**



### **Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**

This hands-on training will help investigators learn how to access de-identified patient data, check study feasibility, develop hypotheses, and more. **Registration required.** Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.

**Jan. 10 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | [More](#)**



### **University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities Forum on Community-Engaged Scholarship**

USA's 3rd forum, "Building Blocks for Impactful Community Engagement toward Health Equity," will focus on key elements of community engagement that foster progression to health equity and encourage interconnections between researchers and community based organizations working toward health equity in our community. Register by January 10.

**Jan. 11 | 8:30am-3:30pm | USA Student Center Ballroom | [More](#)**



### **Training Interdisciplinary Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS)**

Ellen DeGraffenried, MBA, Senior Associate Vice President, Content Strategy, Syracuse University, will discuss "Messaging that Matters." This session will provide a general framework for creating messaging on complex health topics and research findings at the policy, system, disease and patient level.

**Registration requested by Tuesday, January 8.**

**Jan. 11 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### **Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Grand Rounds**

Jim Baxendale, Director of the Whiteboard 2 Boardroom Program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Innovation Center, will lead a discussion on traveling the road from researcher to innovator, including tips for mastering the technology transfer process and an overview of the Whiteboard 2 Boardroom program.

**Jan. 11 | 1-2pm | Webinar | [More](#)**

## **Upcoming Events**

**JANUARY**



### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Jan. 16 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **Medical Grand Rounds - Mentoring Matters: The Art and Science of Mentoring in Academic Medicine**

Jan. 16 | 12-1pm | Spain Auditorium

### **Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series): Clinical Trials.gov Results Reporting Workshop**

Jan. 17 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

### **Informatics Institute Powertalk Seminar Series: Actually See Your Patient, Not Just Inside Them: A New Technology and Paradigm for Medical Imaging Care**

Jan. 18 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Jan. 23 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **2019 Conference on Bioethics Issues in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research**

*Effective Health Care and Inclusion: Growing the Next Generation of Researchers for Bioethics, Biomedical, Behavioral, and Health Disparities Research*

*Registration required*

Jan. 23-25 | Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center

### **CCTS Research Orientation Program**

*Registration required*

Jan. 24 | 8am-12pm | PCAMS

### **Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**

*Registration required*

Jan. 24 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

### **Informatics Institute Powertalk Seminar Series: The Cancer Genome Atlas Clinical Data Resource**

Jan. 25 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Jan. 30 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series): UAB Research Pharmacy**

Jan. 31 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Big Data Training for Translational Omics Research**

*Applications due Monday, Jan. 28*

Feb. 4 - April 19 | Online Training Program

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behaviors**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Feb. 6 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Establishing an Authorship Policy**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Feb. 13 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Fostering Independence**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Feb. 20 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

### **CCTS Translational Training Symposium**

*Registration required by February 1*

Feb. 20-21 | Intercontinental Hotel | New Orleans, LA

### **Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI) Southern Regional Meeting**

*Registration required*

Feb. 21-23 | Intercontinental Hotel | New Orleans, LA

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Promoting Professional Development**

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

Feb. 27 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

## **MARCH**

### **6th Annual Rare Disease Genomics Symposium: Population Genomics**

*Registration required*

March 1 | 8am-3:45pm | Bradley Lecture Center | Children's of Alabama

**Complete listing of CCTS events**