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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?
Do you have questions about the National Institutes of Health (NIH) peer review process for its grant applications? If so, you may be interested in an online resource recently launched by the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Two new videos provide a "front row seat" to peer review, including answers to the Top 10 most frequently asked peer review questions provided by experts from the CSR. If you don't find the answer(s) you seek there, check out the list of the **Top 100 NIH Peer Review Q&As**--so exhaustive, you might learn the answers to questions you didn't even know you had. **More**

News/Announcements

CCTS Alum, Experts in the News
Several of our former CCTS trainees, awardees, and panel participants have made the news recently. We applaud their accomplishments, highlighted here to inspire the next generation of clinical and translational scientists, as well as the CCTS experts who supported these superstars along the way (many of whom have recently made the news as well!) **More**

CCTS Mini-Sabbatical Program Featured on National Blog
In case you missed it, the Edge for Scholars blog, which offers "candid commentary and gritty truths to sharpen your academic edge," recently highlighted the impact this immersive learning opportunity had on the career of CCTS KL2 Alum Dr. Courtney Peterson. The post also mentions SEQUIN, a CCTS-led project that is measuring the effectiveness of mini-sabbaticals, and provides an overview of the 30+ mini-sabbatical opportunities currently available. **More**

Mark Your Calendar for the Inaugural UAB Cohort Studies Symposium
CCTS is cosponsoring this new event, which will provide an introduction to the many large cohort studies being led by UAB investigators, such as **REGARDS**, **CNICS**, **CARDIA**, **WIHS** and more. If you want to learn how to access data/specimens for research, do not miss this symposium, which will take place at the Edge for Chaos on January 4, 2019. Space is limited, register by Saturday, December 15. **More**

Funding Opportunities

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**

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Clinical Scientist Development Award

The Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award provides grants to early-career physician scientists to facilitate their transition to independent clinical research careers. $495,000 is the estimated maximum total value of the award. **The deadline to submit pre-proposals is November 28, 2018, at 2 pm. More**

CCTS Announces Call for Mentored Career Development Program (KL2) Letters of Intent

Are you a junior faculty member with a passion for translational research? Do you want to help reduce the burden of health disparities and diseases that disproportionately affect the underserved minority and special populations in the AL, LA, and MS region? If so, consider applying to become our next CCTS KL2 scholar. Applicants must commit to a minimum of 75% effort for two years, receiving expert mentorship, research experience, and salary, training, and travel support. Open to eligible CCTS Partner Network institutions. **Submit a Pre-Application by Friday, December 7, 2018. More**

Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1) (Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. **Letter of Intent due December 25, 2018. 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**

Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
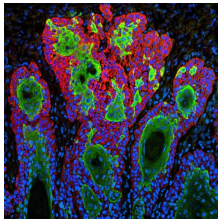
NIH has released two new FOAs associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. Specifically, these FOAs seeks to support the creation of a translational science network devoted exclusively to immunotherapy approaches to treat and prevent adult cancers. **Submit applications to RFA-CA-19-014 and RFA-CA-**

19-015 by 5pm, Thursday, February 8, 2019. More

Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects (UG3/UH3)
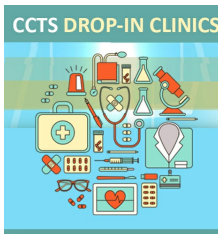The purpose of this FOA, associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative, is to support UG3/UH3 Cancer Immunoprevention Phased Award Projects. Applicants responding to this FOA must apply for both the UG3 and UH3 phases together in a single application. **Applications due Monday, February 11, 2019 by 5pm local time. More**

Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (*i3*) Centers (U54 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
The purpose of this FOA is to develop Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (*i3*) Centers, as new components of the IOTN. The *i3* Centers will be comprised of multi-disciplinary teams focused on developing and employing engineered immunotherapy approaches to design more durable, widely accessible, and less toxic immunoprevention and immunotherapy strategies. **Applications due Monday, February 11, 2019, by 5pm local time. More**

This Week's Learning Opportunities

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.

Nov. 26 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos |More

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

Nov. 28 | 11:30am-1pm |PCAMS|More

UAB Research Orientation Program
New to research? Need to earn 4 AMA PRA Category 1 credits? Register for this event today! This basic overview of the clinical, regulatory, and financial aspects for conducting a research study is offered every 4th Thursday monthly. **Registration required.**

Nov. 29 | 8am-12pm | PCAMS | More

Informatics Institute PowerTalks Colloquia
Tim Kennell, MD/PhD Student, Graduate Biomedical Sciences at UAB, will discuss "Investigating the Use of Patient Attributes to Predict False-Positive Medical Alerts."

Nov. 30 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105 | More

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

From Gene to Therapy: An American Society of Human Genetics-American Journal of Human Genetics Webinar
Registration required
Dec. 4 | 12-1pm | Webinar

Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series): Stress Management
Dec. 6 | 12-1pm | PCAMS

5th Annual Comprehensive Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, Bone, and Autoimmunity Center (CAMBAC) Research Day
Regenerative Medicine in Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Disease
Dec. 7 | 8am-4pm | UAB Alumni House

Informatics Institute PowerTalks Colloquia: Quality Improvement with CDW Mining, Graph-Network Analysis & Visualization: The INFECTALYTICS Project
Dec. 7 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105

CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn
Dec. 11 | 11:30am-12:45pm | Spain Auditorium

Informatics Institute PowerTalks Colloquia: The UAB Undiagnosed Diseases Program: Bioinformatic Applications in Rare Disorders
Dec. 14 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105

Training Interdisciplinary Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS): Academic Writing: Five Tips for Success
Registration requested
Dec. 14 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

JANUARY

Inaugural UAB Cohort Studies Symposium
Registration required
Jan. 4 | 8am-1pm | Edge of Chaos

CCTS First Friday Mentoring Lunch
Registration required
Jan. 4 | 12-1pm | PCAMS

Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 9 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities Forum on Community-Engaged Scholarship
Building Blocks for Impactful Community Engagement Toward Health Equity
Registration required
Jan. 11 | 8:30am-3:30pm | University of South Alabama Student Center Ballroom

Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 16 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

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 | Tuskegee University

Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
Registration requested, *walk-ins welcome*
Jan. 30 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

Complete listing of CCTS events