



September 14, 2020

## GRANT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Co-hosted by the  
CCTS Training Academy &  
UAB Office of the Vice  
President for Research

### Register for the CCTS Grant Proposal Development Academy

This virtual, six-week overview of the ins and outs of developing, writing, and submitting winning grant proposals will be presented by Research Administrators, Faculty, and Funding Agency Program Officers. This opportunity is open to the CCTS Partner Network and is best suited for junior faculty, postdocs, and early-stage investigators.

[Learn More & Register.](#)

### Check Out Our Newest Web Resource for COVID-19 Vaccine Information

We've compiled a list of common questions and answers surrounding vaccines and clinical studies.

[Learn More.](#)



### Mark Your Calendar for these National Meetings

Learn more and be sure to register for these free, virtual learning opportunities:

- [Fall 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration NCATS Rapid Response](#)
- ["Un-Meeting": Clinical Research in the COVID-era and Beyond](#)

### National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Update

Three CCTS partner institutions have now secured signed data use agreements—that means investigators at Auburn University, the University of Alabama, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham are eligible to analyze data in the N3C enclave. The CCTS Digest will continue to provide updates as other sites come on board, too!

[Learn more about N3C.](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### CCTS Interdisciplinary Network Pilot Program

Since 2008, the CCTS Pilot Program has supported innovative research tackling health disparities and challenges that disproportionately affect minority and special populations in our region. We invite you to consider how the CCTS Pilot Program may help expand and enhance your research.

**Pre-applications due October 25, 2020.**

[Apply today.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 17 | 10-11am**

[Developing and Validating Ways to Model High-Dimensional Data](#)

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Check out the fourth webinar in this CLIC series.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

**Sept. 17 | Noon-1pm**

[Research Seminar Series: Best Practices in Consenting from IRB Point of View](#)

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This series covers the latest need-to-know topics in clinical trials, with sessions curated by investigators and their research teams.

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**Available Weekly**

[Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology, & Research Design \(BERD\)](#)

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Prepare your study-related questions for this online opportunity.

By appointment only.

[Email for Details](#)

**Sept. 18 | 8-9:30am**

[Friday Fellows](#)

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An opportunity for T32 pre and post docs, investigators, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss best practices.

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**Sept. 18 | 10-11am**

[Special Seminar on Biomedical Informatics and Systemic Racism](#)

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Join Dr. James Cimino and the UAB Informatics Institute for this event, "Is Biomedical Informatics Abetting Systemic Racism?"

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**Sept. 24 | 9-11am**

[NEW: Informatics for Integrating Biology & the Bedside \(i2b2\) Virtual Lab Class](#)

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This Q&A session, focused on real research questions with Dale Johnson, i2b2 expert, will help you find answers using i2b2 data sets.

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Full Events Calendar

# CCTS Spotlight

## Bruce Smith, VMD, PhD

Director, Auburn Univ. Research Initiative in Cancer (AURIC)  
Auburn University

"Dr. Smith directs the Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer (AURIC), which works to support cancer research at Auburn University and the entire CCTS Partner Network. His research focuses on the molecular signatures, and potential genetic therapies, for cancer, utilizing the dog as both a basic and translational model."



- Thomas S. Denney Jr, PhD, Site Lead, Auburn University

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