

CCTST NEWSBRIEF

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What does the CCTST do?

Established in 2005, the CCTST provides guidance, information, support, resources and training to researchers across and beyond the Academic Health Center, with the support of a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Whether you're at UC, Cincinnati Children's, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, UC Health University Hospital, or in the Greater Cincinnati community, we're here to help. Can't find what you're looking for? Call 513-803-1044, email [Susan Moore](#), or [visit our website](#).

Upcoming Events: [click links for details!](#)

Jan. 17, 12:15 PM: [Art is I, Science is We: Research at the College of Medicine](#). **Stephen Strakowski, MD**, Senior Associate Dean for Research. UC MSB, Room 5051.

Jan. 18, 11 AM-12 PM: [CTRC Clinical Research Forum, Prospective Surgical Outcomes Research](#). **Thomas Inge, MD, PhD**. CCHMC Location D, Rm. 2.46.

Jan. 20, 11 AM-1 PM: [CCTST Grand Rounds on Reproducible Research](#). UC MSB, Room 4051. CCTST membership and RSVP by Jan. 18 required for lunch. See article above left.

Feb. 2, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group Meeting](#). **Topic: TBA**. CCHMC Loc S, Rm 5.125. Registration not required.

Feb. 9, 12-1 PM: [CCTST K Club Meeting](#). *Negotiating with Your Department for Protected Research Time*. **Thomas Boat, MD**, Dean, College of Medicine (rescheduled from Jan.). UC Medical Science Building (MSB), Room E-151. For current and potential career development grant awardees. RSVP for lunch by Feb. 7 to [Susan Moore](#).

CTSA Consortium News

The **CTSA Consortium** is a national network of 60 institutions (including our Academic Health Center) that have received NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards to improve human health by transforming their research and training environment to enhance quality and efficiency. For details visit the Consortium's revamped website at <https://www.ctsacentral.org/>.

Additional items of interest include:

- [2009-2011 CTSA Progress Report](#)
- [Latest issue of the CTSA Consortium e-Newsletter](#)

CCTST Grand Rounds on Reproducible Research January 20

Reproducibility in biomedical research is the topic of the next CCTST Grand Rounds on **Friday, January 20 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Room 4051 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB)**.

From 11 AM to 12 PM, **Keith Baggerly, PhD** will discuss *"The Importance of Reproducibility in High-Throughput Biology: Case Studies in Forensic Bioinformatics."* Dr. Baggerly is a professor in the department of bioinformatics and computational biology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston. He will describe several types of common errors that affect high-throughput analyses; outline steps to avoid these errors; and identify types of data and supporting information to look for in high-throughput publications.

From 12 to 1 PM, **Eileen King, PhD** will present *"The Importance of Good Clinical Data Management and Statistical Programming Practices to Reproducible Research."* Dr. King is an associate professor in the division of biostatistics and epidemiology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and a biostatistician with the CCTST BERD core. She will define the value of good data management and statistical programming practices; identify when, where and how to engage data management resources; and describe the deliverables from data management and statistical programming that facilitate clinical research reproducibility.

Free of charge; lunch is available to [CCTST members](#) who RSVP by Jan. 18 to [Elizabeth Heubi](#). CME is offered. Event details are [available here](#).

Deadline January 20 for CCTST Ethics Grant Proposals

Applications are requested for innovative research addressing ethical issues in clinical and translational research.

The **Research Ethics Grant Program** supports interdisciplinary empirical research **and** summer faculty research fellowships that aim to develop, inform, or apply morally, socially and culturally acceptable frameworks that maximize the ethics of conducting clinical and translational research. Up to \$10,000 may be requested for a one year, non-renewable award, or \$8,000 for summer stipend support. **Deadline is midnight Friday, January 20, 2012.**

The program expects to make 2 to 3 awards. All 80% or greater FTE faculty members based at UC, Cincinnati Children's or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center are eligible to apply. Applicants must be [CCTST members](#).

[Click here](#) for complete details and links to the request for applications (RFA), or email [Katie Scharf](#).

Applications for CReFF Pilot Funding Due March 1

The CCTST is now accepting applications from junior faculty for the next round of **Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CReFF)** pilot grants. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, CCHMC or Cincinnati VAMC utilizing the resources of the [Clinical Translational Research Center](#) (CTRC, formerly the General Clinical Research Center) are generally eligible; funding restrictions apply. Fellows anticipating a faculty appointment during the grant period may also be eligible.

Applicants must already have an active CTRC-approved protocol or submit one for review with their proposal. The CReFF provides one-year start-up funding of up to \$20,000 for pilot studies, potentially renewable for one additional year. One or two grants will be awarded this cycle.

Applications (electronic and hard copies) are due Thursday, March 1, 2012 by 12 noon. [Click here](#) for complete details and the Request for Applications (RFA), or email [Christina Keller](#).

CCTST Overview, Core Service Videos Now Online

Brief videos providing an overview of the CCTST and details on each of the eight core service areas are now available on the CCTST website. Averaging three minutes in length, the videos feature Academic Health Center leaders, CCTST core directors and testimonials from service recipients. [Click here for the Overview video](#). Core videos (biomedical informatics, BERD, regulatory knowledge & support, CTRC, community engagement, research education, pilot & collaborative studies (PCS), and enabling technologies are available from their respective homepages, accessible from the Program tab.

NeuroNEXT Invites Proposals for Clinical Trials

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) NeuroNEXT network for excellence in neuroscience clinical trials supports scientifically sound, possibly biomarker-informed, phase 2 clinical trials that provide data for clear go/no-go decisions, and facilitates the testing of novel therapeutics for neurological disorders. Academic investigators may apply for cooperative agreement grants through the U01 mechanism. Additional details are available from the [NeuroNEXT website](#). The UC AHC is a participating clinical trial site. For more information, contact [Pooja Khatri, MD](#), Director of Acute Stroke, Greater Cincinnati/Northern KY Stroke Team.

CEG Pilot Project Grant Applications Due March 5

Based in the UC Department of Environmental Health, the Center for Environmental Genetics (CEG) is a research and community-outreach program funded by the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Its overall mission is to study to genetic and epigenetic differences that contribute to variation in the response by different individuals to the same dose of any environmental agent.

The CEG provides Pilot Projects Program (PPP) grants to support synergistic, innovative, high-risk/high-reward research with a multidisciplinary foundation plus the use of CEG Facilities and Services (F&S) Cores. Community engagement has been added as an eligible funding category. Applications must be received by **4:30 pm Monday, March 5.** [Click here for complete details](#) or email [Elizabeth Kopras](#).

Questions or comments? [Email us](#) or call (513) 803-1044.

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