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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

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July 17, 12-1 PM: [The IND Application Process](#). Sheri Selk, MS, MBA, translational research trials office, CCHMC.

July 20, 11 AM-1 PM: [CCTST Grand Rounds. Why University-Industry Partnerships Matter](#). Anthony Boccanfuso, PhD, National Academy of Sciences and William Ball, MD, UC interim vice president for research. See article at left.

July 30, 12-1 PM: [CCTST Grand Rounds. Genomics-based Research Results: To Return or Not to Return?](#) Susan Berry, MD, division director, genetics and metabolism, department of pediatrics, University of Minnesota. CCHMC Research Auditorium. See article below left.

August 2, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM: [Accessing Electronic Health Record Data for Human Subjects Research: Challenges and Solutions](#). Vontz Center, UC College of Medicine. **WAITING LIST ONLY.**

August 2, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group Meeting](#). Topic: [Q&A– Open Discussion](#). CCHMC Loc. S, 5.125. Registration not required.

October 5, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM: [Human Subject Protection: With a Little Help from Our Friends](#). Keynote speaker: Seth Mnookin, MIT, author of *The Panic Virus*. N. Ky. Convention Center. Sponsored by UC, CCHMC, UK, and Schulman Associates IRB. [Click here to register](#). Discount for Academic Health Center affiliates.

Did you know?

As a membership benefit, the CCTST can help you find colleagues who share your research interests. Simply log in to the [CCTST website](#), click "[Find a Collaborator](#)" and enter your research keywords. You can choose to search for other CCTST members, UC faculty who have completed an *eProfessional* profile, or both. Our search engine will provide a list of potential collaborators, including titles and contact information.

To take advantage of this service, [join the CCTST](#) free of charge.

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College of Medicine Discovery Acceleration Initiative Launched

Announced June 25, this \$1 million effort supported by UC provost Santa Ono, PhD, interim vice president for research William Ball, MD, and College of Medicine dean Thomas Boat, MD is designed to strengthen faculty efforts to obtain extramural research funding. Two of its four components are administered by the CCTST:

- The [Provost's Pilot Research Program](#) will annually fund up to 10 grants of up to \$40,000 each through a competitive process based on the CCTST "T1" grant program. The principal investigator must be a full-time faculty member based in the College of Medicine. Basic, clinical and translational investigations are eligible, and interdisciplinary/cross-institutional projects are encouraged. **Letters of intent are due July 16.** Invited faculty will receive instructions by August 1 to submit full applications by September 17.
- The [Just-in-Time core facilities program](#) provides up to \$7,500 annually for faculty to obtain preliminary data through existing core research facilities. Applications are accepted continuously each fiscal year until funds are exhausted. The Initiative's support of this CCTST program increased the maximum funding per grant from the previous \$5,000.

In addition to these programs, the Initiative also supports:

- [College of Medicine Study Section](#): To improve chances for funding success, internal review and critique of extramural grant applications will be provided in three cycles annually, coinciding with major NIH deadlines. Applications to other major funding agencies will also be accepted for review. As an added benefit, two applications reviewed each cycle will receive \$10,000 awards. **Letters of intent for the first cycle are due July 23.**
- **Dean's Bridge Funding**: This existing program will provide support during the NIH review period for qualified projects likely to receive funding. A total of four to six awards of \$30,000-\$50,000 each will be made annually over two cycles.

[Click here for more details on these programs.](#)

CCTST Grand Rounds on University-Industry Partnerships July 20

Why University-Industry Partnerships Matter is the focus of CCTST Grand Rounds on Friday, July 20 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Room E-351 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).

Featured speakers are [Anthony Boccanfuso, PhD](#), executive director of the National Academy of Sciences University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, and [William S. Ball, MD](#), UC interim vice president for research. They will discuss specific efforts underway to advance academic-corporate research collaborations; contemporary issues affecting industry-university partnerships; and resources and programs available to increase faculty- industry engagement.

CCTST Grand Rounds, made possible by a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), are free of charge and open to the public. CME is offered. **Lunch is available to CCTST members who RSVP to Susan Moore by July 18.** This edition of CCTST Grand Rounds is co-sponsored by Cincinnati Children's [Communication Sciences Research Center](#).

CCTST Grand Rounds on Returning Genomic Research Results July 30

Please join us for a **special edition** of CCTST Grand Rounds on **Monday, July 30 at 12 noon in the CCHMC Research Auditorium**, Location R, Rooms 3381-3383. [Susan Berry, MD](#), division director, genetics and metabolism, department of pediatrics, University of Minnesota, will discuss **Genomics-based Research Results: To Return or Not to Return?** Dr. Berry has chaired the executive panel of the university's IRB since 1995. She will discuss the nature of genomics results in a research setting; risks associated with returning and withholding genomics research results; and the differences between clinical and research genomics assessment.

To reach Cincinnati Children's Research Auditorium from off campus, enter Location S (directly across Albert Sabin Way from the College of Medicine), take the elevator to the third floor and follow the signs. CME is offered. **Lunch is available to CCTST members who email Susan Moore by July 26.**

Applications for CReFF Pilot Funding Due November 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 be CCTST members. [Click here to join free of charge.](#)

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 are anticipated this cycle.

A letter of intent is not required. However, potential applicants are strongly advised to contact the program director, [Dr. Mark Mitsnefes](#), prior to submitting an application, and to submit their protocol to the CTRC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) at least one month before the CReFF review meeting to facilitate resolving scientific or other issues. The approval process for the protocol must be completed before it can be considered for a CReFF award.

Applications (electronic and hard copies) must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday, November 1, 2012. For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

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