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### Translational Research Pilot Grants Announced

The CCTST Pilot & Collaborative Translational & Clinical Studies (PCS) core has announced the awardees of FY 2014 "T1" pilot grants. The program is designed to foster T1 (translation one) research, which seeks to apply clinical or basic research knowledge in an identifiable pathway towards the development of trials and studies in humans.

The program attracted a total of 83 letters of intent (LOI) from investigators, 35 of whom were invited to submit complete proposals. Included in total funding of over \$1.1 million are 10 T1 awards of up to \$100,000, 3 T1 Junior awards of up to \$25,000 for young faculty, and support of 3 innovative cores (up to \$50,000 each). The one year awards begin July 1. A table listing (by type of award) project titles, investigators, co-investigators and their affiliations is [available here](#).

For more information on the T1 grant program, visit the [PCS core home page](#) or contact [Katie Scharf](#). Congratulations to our FY 2014 awardees!

### REGISTER NOW: Empirical Bioethics Conference Feb. 21-22

The CCTST and CCHMC Ethics Center will host the conference **Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century**, February 21-22, 2013 at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. Sessions run from 1:00-5:15 PM Thursday (followed by a reception for attendees), and 8:15 AM to 4:20 PM Friday. [Online registration is required by Friday, February 15.](#)

Empirical bioethics involves the measurement and evaluation of ethical principles. Participants will learn about cutting-edge research that defines the ethical framework guiding clinical and translational studies. Speakers include internationally recognized experts in the application of ethics to clinical research and medicine:

- Keynote speaker Feb. 21 is [Daniel Sulmasy, MD, PhD](#), professor of medicine and associate director of the MacLean Center for Medical Ethics, University of Chicago. He will discuss **Ethics and Evidence: What Data Can and Cannot Do for Bioethics**.
- Feb. 22, [Peter Ubel, MD](#), professor in the Fuqua School of Business and Sanford School of Public Policy of Duke University, will discuss **Is Human Nature Ready for Autonomy: What Behavioral Science Teaches Us About the Limits of Shared Decision Making in Medicine**.
- Also Feb. 22, [Rebecca Pentz, PhD](#), professor research ethics with the Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University School of Medicine, will discuss **Ethics Companion Studies: Strategies, Successes and Setbacks**.

Additional presenters will cover empirical vs. normative ethics; the interface between clinical care and research; issues related to informed consent; publication of empirical bioethics findings; and advances in community consultation.

**Ten CME; 10.75 OPA ethics credits; and 9.5 social worker values and ethics clock hours are available.** Registration fee is \$100, which includes conference materials, Thursday's reception, Friday's breakfast and lunch, breaks, and parking. A limited number of guest rooms are available at the UC business rate of \$145+tax.

For more information see the updated [program brochure](#), or contact [Bettie Durant](#). Please print and post our [promotional flyer!](#)

### CCTST Grand Rounds on Public Health Indicators, Community Research Feb. 15

The use of clinical and public health indicators and community research resources will be discussed at CCTST Grand Rounds on Friday, February 15 in Room 4051 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).

From 11 AM to 12 PM, [Russell Kirby, PhD, MS](#), Professor and Marrell Endowed Chair in Community and Family Health at the University of South Florida, will discuss **We Count What We Can Count, We Measure What We Can Measure: Are Traditional Perinatal Indicators Relevant in the 21st Century Context?** He will review the origins, use, and scientific utility of major clinical and public health indicators of perinatal outcomes; identify links between theory and practice relative to clinical measures as public health indicators; and illustrate a methodology for developing and evaluating new clinical indicators.

From 12 to 1 PM, [Jennifer Chubinski, MS](#), Director of Community Research, and [Mark Carrozza, MA](#), Health Informatics Developer, will present **An Introduction to Community Research from The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati**. They will summarize resources available from the Foundation, specifically its survey data collection projects; describe how the Foundation shapes its research work around community needs; and detail how to access years of Foundation survey data for community research.

Made possible by a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), CCTST Grand Rounds are free of charge and open to the public. CME is offered. **Lunch is available to CCTST members (join free of charge) who RSVP to Elizabeth Heubi by Feb. 13.** [See our event flyer](#) for details.

### UK-UC Collaborative Grant Program LOI Due Feb. 18

The CTSA-funded Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) of the University of Kentucky has announced a [collaborative pilot grant opportunity](#) for researchers at UK and the UC Academic Health Center (AHC). This award of the **Pilot and Innovation Research Program** is designed to stimulate collaboration between the respective campuses as well as increase community engaged research and/or pediatric research. Specifically, this joint award aims to catalyze the development or enhance the maturation of multi-institutional research teams capable of performing highly innovative, extramurally fundable research that will continue to contribute to human health and well-being.

One award of up to \$50,000 in direct costs will be made to a meritorious project that involves an equal contribution from UK and the UC AHC, with Co-PIs from each institution who are full-time faculty. The main priorities for funding are: the scientific merit of the project, clear clinical and translational relevance, and the likelihood that funding will result in submission of a competitive application for extramural funding.

**Letters of intent (LOI) are due February 18, 2013.** Invitations to apply will be issued March 18, with full applications due April 22. Funding will be announced May 27. Questions? Contact [Katie Scharf](#). See links below for additional information.

- [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#)
- [Letter of Intent \(LOI\) template](#)

### CRReFF Pilot Funding Available for Junior Faculty: Deadline March 1

The CCTST is now accepting applications from junior faculty for the next round of **Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CRReFF)** pilot grants. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, Cincinnati Children's or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center utilizing the resources of the [Clinical Translational Research Center](#) (CTRC) are generally eligible; funding restrictions apply. Fellows anticipating a faculty appointment during the grant period may also be eligible. Applicants must be CCTST members. [Join free of charge.](#)

Applicants must already have an active CTRC-approved protocol or submit one for review with their proposal. The CRReFF 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 CRReFF 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 CRReFF award.

**Applications (electronic and hard copies) must be submitted by 12 noon Friday, March 1, 2013.** For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

### Community Leaders Institute Featured in Academic Medicine

The March issue of *Academic Medicine* features an article entitled [The Community Leaders Institute: An Innovative Program to Train Community Leaders in Health Research](#) by [Lori Crosby, PsyD](#); [William Parr MBA, MEd](#); [Teresa Smith](#); and [Monica Mitchell, PhD](#) of the CCTST Community Engagement core. Goals and outcomes of the innovative 6-week CLI program, designed to build research skills of community representatives and foster community-academic collaborations, are highlighted. To date, 41 participants from over 25 health organizations have completed the program. The 4th CLI series begins next month.

For an abstract, click the title above. More information on the CLI is [available here](#).

### Pediatric Collaborative Grant Program Offered

The CTSA Pediatric Regional Collaborative Grant Program is designed to promote translational research collaborations between investigators at multiple Clinical & Translational Science Award sites and regional institutions, bringing together expertise, scientific resources, patient populations, and/or community resources that are not all readily available at a single location. Participants are Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus), Rainbow Babies Hospital (Cleveland), Riley Children's Hospital (Indianapolis) and University of Kentucky Medical Center (Lexington).

Interdisciplinary collaborations which include both clinicians and basic scientists are preferred. Each institution participating in a proposed project would contribute \$10,000; the maximum budget would be \$50,000 if all 5 institutions participate. Applications may be submitted any time during the current grant year, which ends June 30. [Click here](#) for additional information, including application guidelines and forms. Questions may be directed to CCTST co-director [James Heubi, MD](#).

### CEG Grant Opportunities Available

The UC Center for Environmental Genetics (CEG) has announced the 2013 funding round of its **Pilot Projects, Next Generation Bioinvestigator and New Investigator Scholar** programs. The mission of the CEG, based in the Department of Environmental Health and funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), is to study genetic and epigenetic differences that contribute to inter-individual differences in biological response to exposure to an environmental agent.

More information and complete RFAs for these programs are [available here](#).

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **1,760** members (and counting!).

Already a member? Please [log in from our home page](#) and click "Request Assistance with Your Research Project." The CCTST provides up to 10 hours of support per investigator per grant year (April 1-March 30), funded by the CTSA grant; 1 Research Central hour equals 1 hour of doctoral-level methodologic support or 2 hours of master's-level support. Additional hours, if needed, are billed at established rates.

### 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? [Contact us](#) or [visit our website](#).

### More Events! click links for details

**Feb. 12, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. Traffic-Related Air Pollution in Cincinnati: From Exposure Assessment to Children's Health.** Patrick Ryan, PhD, assistant professor, biostatistics and epidemiology, CCHMC. 610 University Hall.

**Feb. 14, 9-11 AM: Ready, Set, Go! Workshop for research faculty: Time Management.** Amy Bunker, PhD, UC COM. 450 University Hall. [Register online.](#)

**Feb. 15, 11 AM-1 PM: CCTST Grand Rounds** on clinical and public health indicators, community research. **Russell Kirby, PhD, MS**, University of South Florida. **Jennifer Chubinski, MS**, and **Mark Carrozza, MA**, The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. 4051 UC MSB. See article below left.

**Feb. 20, 11 AM-12 PM: CTSC Clinical Research Forum. "Inner City Asthma: Is it Different and What Can We Do About It?"** Carolyn Kerckmar, MD, director, CCHMC Asthma Center. CCHMC Location D, Room 2.46.

**Feb. 20, 3:30-5:00 PM: Joint Center for Health Informatics IT Workshop: Capturing and Managing Data to Support Clinical Research.** 2351 UC MSB.

**Feb. 21-22: Register Now! Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century.** Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. See article above left.

**March 4, 12-1 PM: Webinar: IDE Electronic Copy Compilation and Validation.** E-351 UC MSB.

**March 12, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. Estimation of Exposure Time Trends Using Nonlinear Segmented Models.** Linda Levin, PhD, research associate professor, environmental health, UC. 610 University Hall.

Questions or comments? [Contact us.](#)

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