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### CCTST Regulatory Forum August 28

**Secrets of the Dead: The Ethics of Sharing Their Data** is the topic of the next CCTST Regulatory Forum, Thursday August 28 from 8-10 AM in the Cincinnati Children's Research Auditorium, 3381-3383 Location R.

Open to researchers, administrators and staff from UC, CCHMC, VAMC, UC Health and affiliates, the panelists will discuss the need to protect the rights of the individual for privacy while also considering the potential benefit of sharing health information with surviving family. The session will be moderated by **Jane Strasser, PhD**, Research Integrity Officer and Associate Vice President, University of Cincinnati.

Panelists include:

- **Armand Antommaria, MD, PhD**, Director, CCHMC Ethics Center
- **John Harley, MD, PhD**, Director, Division of Rheumatology, CCHMC
- **John Lynch, PhD**, Associate Professor, UC Dept. of Communication
- **Anthony Martin**, Privacy/Freedom of Information Act Officer, Cincinnati VAMC
- **Cindy Prows, MSN, RN**, Genetics Clinical Nurse Specialist, Div. of Human Genetics, CCHMC

Registration is not required. Ample time will be provided for audience questions and discussion. A recording of this program will be posted on the CCTST website. For more information, please contact [Elizabeth Heubi](#).

### CCTST "T1" RFA Coming Soon

The request for applications (RFA) of the next "T1" (translation one) pilot funding round will be announced soon. New this year is an electronic submission and review management system for letters of intent (LOIs) and invited applications based on the NUCATS model developed at Northwestern University, a fellow member of the CTSA Consortium.

As before, program options will include the traditional T1 pilot program, T1 Junior program for young faculty, and start-up support for new, innovative cores.

For more information, visit the [CCTST website](#) or contact [Bettie Durant](#). A recording of the July 25 workshop describing CCTST pilot programs and their LOI process, featuring PCS core directors Bruce Trapnell, MD and Frank McCormack, MD is [available here](#).

### CRReFF Pilot Funding Proposals Due Nov. 3

The Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CRReFF) provides one-year start-up funding of up to \$20,000 for pilot studies. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, CCHMC or Cincinnati VAMC 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 CTCRC-approved protocol or submit one for review with their proposal. One or two grants are anticipated each 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 CTCRC 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.

**The next application deadline is 12 noon November 3, 2014**. For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#). The CRReFF RFA is typically announced twice annually, for March and November deadlines.

### CCTST Awards Over \$73,000 in Just-In-Time Grants

The CCTST Just-in-Time (JIT) grant mechanism enables investigators to use UC or CCHMC core facilities to obtain critical preliminary data for submission of competitive extramural proposals, patent applications or commercialization agreements. Investigators may apply for up to \$7,500 per year, offered in 3 funding rounds for the services of eligible cores.

Twenty-nine applications were received for the July submission cycle, 10 of which were funded ([see table](#)). The next application deadline is anticipated October 1. For more information, visit the [PCS core page](#) or contact [Bettie Durant](#).

### Design Thinking Fall Semester Project Announced

The project *Sickle Cell Trait- What about it?* has been funded for a fall 2014 Design Thinking Research Award. Principal investigator is **Charles Quinn, MD, MS**, director of hematological clinical and translational research, Cancer & Blood Diseases Institute, CCHMC. Co-PI is **Lisa Shook, MA**, the Institute's director of newborn screening.

Design Thinking Research Awards provide partial support for semester-long studio projects organized by the [Live Well Collaborative \(LWC\)](#) with a multidisciplinary team of UC faculty and students to address healthcare challenges.

Established by UC and Procter & Gamble (P&G) in 2007, the non-profit LWC specializes in research and development of products and services for *Living Well* across the lifespan. It is built around the open innovation model for moving translational research into the marketplace.

More information, including a Design Thinking Education for Healthcare module, is [available here](#).

### New Comparative Effectiveness and Outcomes Research Pilot Grants Offered

The advent of healthcare reform has been accompanied by several new approaches to healthcare research, among them comparative effectiveness research (CER) and patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). To spur the growth of CER and PCOR at UC, the offices of the Vice President for Research, UC Health, the Dean of the College of Medicine and the Dean of the College of Nursing are making available \$100,000 for pilot projects. Up to 5 grants of up to \$20,000 each will be awarded.

The principal investigator must hold a full-time (≥0.8 FTE) faculty appointment within UC and submit any resulting applications through UC. Collaborations between colleges and with faculty based at CCHMC or the VAMC are strongly encouraged. Projects must focus on improving healthcare systems or on health disparities, 2 of the 4 priority areas identified by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), the main funding source for CER and PCOR. Healthcare systems research must be relevant to UC Health. All proposals must include participant or community stakeholders in project design, or use this funding opportunity as a means to engage stakeholders in the design of subsequent extramural grant proposals.

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a clear pathway to future competitive extramural funding. Collaborations across disciplines and research domains are strongly encouraged. A letter of intent is not required. **Full applications must be received no later than 5pm September 1, 2014**. For more information, see the [request for applications](#) or contact [Debbie Lueders](#).

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **2,720** 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 31), 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.

Can't find what you're looking for? [Contact us](#) or [visit our website](#).

### Calendar of Events click links for details

**Aug. 12, 3-4 PM: CCTST BERD Monthly Seminar Series.** Utilizing Historical Information in Bayesian Analysis of Aquatic Toxicity Experimental Results. **Jing Zhang, PhD**, Miami University, Oxford. CCHMC Location S, 5.125.

**Aug. 27, 12-1 PM: Internal Medicine Grand Rounds (Schiff Lecture).** Re-Thinking NAFLD: A Model for Translational Research. **Greg Fitz, MD**, dean, UT Southwestern Medical School. E-351 UC MSB.

**Aug. 28, 8-10 AM: CCTST Regulatory Forum.** CCHMC Research Auditorium, Location R, 3381. See article above left.

**Sept. 12, 8 AM-1 PM: 2nd Annual Mentorship Symposium.** Sponsored by the CCHMC Office for Faculty Development, Center for Professional Excellence, UC Colleges of Medicine and Nursing, and CCTST. CCHMC Location S, 1.204.

**Sept. 12, all day: 16th Annual Human Subject Protection Conference.** Don't Stop Believin'. Sponsored by Schulman Associates IRB, UC, UK, and CCHMC. N. Ky. Convention Center, Covington.

**Sept. 17, 8 AM-4 PM: Imaging & Cytometry Research Day.** ORVCA Annual Conference. CCHMC Location S, 1.203-04.

**Sept. 18-19: Pediatric Evidence-Based Practice 2014 Conference.** Evidence Implementation for Changing Models of Pediatric Health Care. Hyatt Regency Cincinnati.

**Sept. 19, 12-1 PM: CCTST Grand Rounds.** Dan Ford, MD, MPH, director, Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. 4051 UC MSB.

**Oct. 3, 12-1 PM: CCTST Grand Rounds.** Team Science. **Jeanne-Marie Guise, MD, MPH**, Oregon Health & Science University. 3351 UC MSB.

**Oct. 16, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM: CCHMC Shared Facilities Day.** Discover what CCHMC shared facilities can do for your research. Loc. S, 1.203-204.

**Oct. 28: Southern Ohio Medical Center 7th Annual Nursing Research Symposium.** [Poster abstracts](#) are due Sept. 15. The Friends Center, Portsmouth. Contact [Kim Lawless](#) for more information.

**March 12-13, 2015: Genomics & Ethics in Research & Medical Decision-Making.** Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. Call for abstracts coming soon. **SAVE THE DATE!**

NIH requires publications resulting from CCTST-supported research to cite the CTSA grant. Examples of CCTST support include pilot funding and services requested through Research Central, such as methodology consultation, biostatistical analysis and utilization of REDCap databases. Appropriate text for acknowledgment is [available here](#). Not sure if citation is required? Please [contact us](#).

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To view funding opportunities available through the CCTST, [click here](#) and check the box "show only CCTST programs." A [brochure](#) listing CCTST funding programs is also available. From 2009-14, CCTST pilot funding of \$6.3 million resulted in 139 subsequent extramural grants with total direct costs of \$55 million, a 9-fold return on investment!

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A record 105 members and guests saw the Cincinnati Reds defeat the Cleveland Indians on CCTST Night at Great American Ball Park, Aug. 7. [Scoreboard recognition](#) is shown here. Thanks for joining us and see you next year!



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

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