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CCTST Awards Over \$1 Million in Pilot Grants



The CCTST Pilot & Collaborative Translational & Clinical Studies (PCS) core has announced the awardees of FY 2015 "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 T1 program attracted a total of 89 letters of intent (LOI) from investigators, 36 of whom were invited to submit complete proposals. Included in total funding of over \$1 million are 9 T1 awards of up to \$100,000, 3 T1 Junior awards of up to \$25,000 for young faculty, and support of 2 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 [Bettie Durant](#). The next request for proposals will be announced in the fall.

CCTST Grand Rounds on Impact of the Affordable Care Act, Feb. 21



Mark V. Pauly, PhD

Please join us for the next CCTST Grand Rounds, Friday February 21, 2014 from 12-1 PM in Kehoe Auditorium, Kettering Laboratory Complex, UC College of Medicine. [Mark V. Pauly, PhD](#) will discuss *Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Systems?*

Dr. Pauly is Bendheim Professor in the Health Care Management Department, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. Widely recognized as one of the eminent leaders in the area of health economics, he has been a member of the Wharton faculty since 1983, co-editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics* since 2001.

He will describe the potential impacts of health reform on health insurance and Medicare payment; analyze what those changes might mean to physicians and health care providers; and enumerate potential changes in the law that might alter or mitigate its effects.

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](#)). Reservation must be received by [Elizabeth Heubi](#) by **February 18**.

Kehoe Auditorium is just inside the main entrance of the UC Kettering Laboratory Complex (Dept. of Environmental Health). [A medical campus map is available here](#). UC shuttles and the CCHMC yellow shuttle stop nearby at the Eden Avenue Garage, where cash parking is also available. An event flyer is [available here](#).

Collaborative Grant Opportunity with the University of Kentucky



Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS)

The CTSA-funded Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) of the University of Kentucky has announced a **collaborative pilot grant opportunity** for researchers at UK, UC and CCHMC. 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, UC and/or CCHMC, 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 are due February 19, 2014 by 5 PM. Invitations to apply will be issued March 31, with full applications due April 28. Funding will be announced in June. [Click here](#) for more information including the request for applications (RFA), or email [Beth Hezlep](#).

Design Thinking Research Award LOIs Due March 3



livewell COLLABORATIVE

The CCTST and [Live Well Collaborative](#) (LWC) have joined forces to offer the Design Thinking Research Awards. 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.

This grant opportunity provides partial support for a Studio project. You identify a healthcare challenge and the LWC works with UC to form a design lead multi-disciplinary team (from faculty and students). The team will utilize design thinking tools and a "co-invention" model with stakeholders (e.g. patients) to develop products or services with a focus on innovation to address the healthcare challenge. The Collaborative has a track record of completing 40 studio projects that have involved over 500 students and more than 40 faculty members from UC.

The maximum allowable grant is \$10,000 in support for a 14-week project which ranges in cost from \$29,000-\$78,000, depending on staffing levels of faculty, graduate, and co-op students and supplies needed to complete deliverables. The applicant's department/division or grant funds from another source must be used to cover the remaining costs.

The principal investigator (PI) must be a Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) faculty member. Clusters of investigators spanning disciplines, programs and institutions are strongly encouraged. Faculty based at UC or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center are encouraged to collaborate with CCHMC investigators. CCTST membership is required ([join here free of charge](#)).

The next Letter of Intent (LOI) deadline is Monday, March 3 by 5 PM. Invited final applications are due May 5. [Complete details and the request for applications \(RFA\) are here.](#)

CReFF Pilot Grant Applications Due March 3

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) 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 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 Monday March 3, 2014. For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call (513) 636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

CTSA Consortium Restructures



Chris Austin, MD

To avoid redundancy and improve focus, the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (**NCATS**), which funds the 60+ CTSA sites nationally, has overhauled the [CTSA Consortium](#) governance structure. All standing committees, including those focused on strategic goals and key functions, have been discontinued. In their place, a small Steering Committee has been established which includes 12 CTSA PIs and is overseen by NCATS director **Chris Austin, MD**. In addition, a 12 member working group of the NCATS Advisory Council will make recommendations on clear, measurable goals and objectives; training and education; collaboration and partnerships; community engagement; and translational research across the lifespan at the NCATS Council meeting in May.

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **2,450** 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.

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 an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Whether you're at UC, Cincinnati Children's, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, UC Medical Center, 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. 18, 12-1 PM: [Deans of the AHC Diversity & Inclusion Seminar, Health Disparities](#) (Stephen Wilson, MD, MercyHealth) and [Culture and Environment](#) (James Page, VP, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, CCHMC). Kresge Auditorium, UC MSB.

Feb. 18, 4-5 PM: CCHMC Ethics Center Special Seminar. [Connecting cultures during the doctor-patient relationship: Issues of gender and religion.](#) Ayesha Ahmad, PhD, University College London Medical School. CCHMC Research Auditorium, R3381.

Feb. 20, 2-3 PM: Shared Facilities Research Seminar Series. [The CCHMC/UC Pluripotent Stem Cell Facility \(PSCF\): Providing New Tools for Studying Human Development and Disease.](#) Chris Mayhew, PhD, Co-Director, CCHMC Research Auditorium, R3381.

Feb. 21, 12-1 PM: CCTST Grand Rounds. [Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Systems?](#) Mark Pauly, PhD, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. Kehoe Auditorium, Kettering Lab Complex. See article above left.

Feb. 25, 9:30 AM-1 PM: [Digestive Health Center Annual Scientific Symposium.](#) Poster session and keynote speaker **Brent Polk, MD, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.**

Feb. 25, 12-1 PM: [Deans of the AHC Diversity & Inclusion Seminar, UC Open School panel discussion.](#) Kresge Auditorium, UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).

Feb. 28, 12-1 PM. UC Taft Research Center lecture. [Social Conditions as Fundamental Causes of Health Disparities.](#) Bruce Link, PhD, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Edwards One, Suite 1110. Co-sponsored by the CCTST.

Mar. 14: Registration deadline for [Grant Writing Workshops offered April 8-9.](#) Open to UC faculty, postdocs and grad students.

Mar. 28: [11th annual OVALS Conference, Metabolic Disease: Solving Challenges through New Technologies and Novel Approaches.](#) Poster deadline March 3. Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center.

Apr. 12, 8 AM-12:30 PM: 10th annual Cincinnati Breast Cancer & the Environment Research Program public education forum, [Looking Upstream for Environmental Links to Breast Cancer.](#) UC Reading Campus.

May 21, all day: Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) Regional Community Forum. [Clinical Research...and All That Regulatory Jazz!](#) Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Did You Know?

All requests for UC Health clinical research data are facilitated through the CCTST and [UC Center for Health Informatics](#). If you are interested in getting UC Health Epic data for your clinical research project, the CCTST is where you start. [Become a member](#), log in and complete the consultation request form on our website. It's that easy!

Need Epic data from Cincinnati Children's? Contact the [Division of Biomedical Informatics \(BMI\)](#).

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

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