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CTSA Extended for One Year



The CCTST's initial 5-year (2009-2014) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) has been extended an additional year by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). A funding opportunity announcement for a 5-year renewal is anticipated by spring/early summer, with a due date expected in the fall. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

REDCap Updates



With the retirement of REDCap IT manager Cathy McGraw in December, current REDCap users should address questions and maintenance requests to Chris Mastin at help-redcap@bmi.cchmc.org. Requests for new databases should continue to be made through the CCTST's Research Central portal. Also, please note that REDCap User Group meetings have moved to the 2nd Thursday each month from 2-3 PM in CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125. Next meeting is February 13.

Not a Member Yet? Join the CCTST— It's Free!

To ensure you continue to receive our *NewsBrief* and other important information as our distribution methods are revamped, please take a moment to [become a CCTST member](#). Over 2,360 of your colleagues already have! It's free, easy, and required to qualify for many of our funding programs. [Join now!](#)

Business Director Named



Amy Hartkemeyer

Amy Hartkemeyer has been named Business Director of the CCTST, succeeding Sue Swearingen. Amy was formerly Business Manager of the Clinical Translational Research Center (CTRC), a core program of the CCTST that she will continue to supervise.

We want to thank Sue for her invaluable help with the CCTST over the last 8 years and wish her the best in her retirement.

Amy's office is in Cincinnati Children's Location S, Suite 10.300. She may be reached at amy.hartkemeyer@cchmc.org or (513) 636-4273. Congratulations Amy!

CCTST Methods, Ethics Deadlines Approaching

The CCTST requests applications for innovative research addressing ethical issues in clinical and translational research and methodologic advances in biostatistics, epidemiology, bioinformatics and other disciplines.

The [Methodologic Research Program](#) is designed to enhance the capacity to conduct and analyze data from clinical and translational studies, supporting promising innovations with potentially important applications that may enhance validity, efficiency, and causal inference. Relevance for clinical and translational research is a key evaluation criterion, and coordination with ongoing CCTST research is encouraged. Up to \$10,000 may be requested for a one-year, non-renewable award. **The next application deadline is Friday, January 24, 2014 by midnight.**

The [Research Ethics Grant Program](#) is designed to support interdisciplinary empirical research and summer 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. Collaborations of clinical investigators, ethicists, and behavioral/social scientists on interdisciplinary empirical research are strongly encouraged. Up to \$10,000 may be requested for a one-year, non-renewable award. Individual faculty research fellowships are available for conceptual research in clinical research ethics. The fellowships are designed to support a faculty member's full focus on research during any semester of leave without pay or any non-teaching semester without pay. Up to \$8,000 may be requested for 2 months of summer stipend support. **The next application deadline is Monday, February 3, 2014 by midnight.**

All 80% or greater FTE faculty members of UC, CCHMC, or the Cincinnati VAMC are eligible for these awards (restrictions apply). Applicants must be CCTST members ([join here free of charge](#)). Requests for applications (RFAs) are linked below, or contact [Sandra Geideman](#).

- [Methodologic Research Program RFA \(due Jan. 24\)](#)
- [Research Ethics Grant Program RFA \(due Feb. 3\)](#)

Next Deadline for CCTST Just-in-Time Grants Feb. 1

The CCTST Just-in-Time (JIT) grant mechanism enables investigators to use UC or CCHMC core facilities to obtain critical data for submission of a competitive extramural proposal, patent application or commercialization agreement. The program is designed to support clinical and translational science investigators who require the services of an institutional core to develop key preliminary data for federal (K23, R01, DOD, VA, etc.), foundation or professional association grant funding.

Investigators may apply for up to \$7,500 annually, which must be spent within 6 months of award and within the fiscal year awarded (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). Applications will be accepted from 80% or greater FTE faculty members in the Academic Health Center (AHC), including basic scientists, physicians, nurses, and other health care faculty with advanced degrees (MD, PhD, MD-PhD or equivalent). Labs/investigators that have received CCTST funding in the past 12 months are not eligible for JIT funding. Applicants must be CCTST members. [Click here to join free of charge.](#)

For more information, view the [JIT application instructions](#), visit the [CCTST website](#), or email [Bettie Durant](#). Application deadline is February 1, 2014 by midnight.

Pediatric Clinical/Translational Research Fellowships Available

Offered by CCHMC and the departments of pediatrics and environmental health in the UC College of Medicine, this intensive 2-year training program is offered to physicians interested in pursuing a research career in a subspecialty of pediatrics. Fellows who have completed one year of pediatric clinical subspecialty training are eligible, and must be nominated for consideration by their division director.

The goal is to train research-oriented faculty in the areas of outcomes research, epidemiology, health care delivery, and patient-oriented research for pediatric departments. Participants are expected to devote at least 80% of their time to the didactic and research portions of the curriculum, leading toward a [Master of Science in Clinical and Translational Research](#).

Applications and supporting documentation are due **February 1** for a June start date. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact program director [James Heubl, MD](#).

CRReFF Pilot Grant Applications Due March 3



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

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **2,360** 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](#)

Jan. 10, 12-1 PM: CCTST K Club. How to Write Letters of Intent (LOIs). Joel Tsevat, MD, MPH and Jackie Grupp-Phelan, MD, MPH. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.100. **RSVP.** More on the K Club in *Did You Know?* below.

Jan. 14, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. Computational Analysis of Brain MRI Images for Improving Children's Health. Long (Jason) Lu, PhD, CCHMC div. of biomedical informatics. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125.

Jan. 15, 8-9 AM: Neurology Grand Rounds. Therapeutic Interventional Trials and Challenges to Finding a Treatment for TBI. David Wright, MD, Emory University. E-351 UC MSB.

Jan. 16, 12-1 PM: Epidemiology & Biostatistics Thursday Seminar Series. Medication Adherence in Older Asthmatics. Jessica Tan, MD, MPH, Allergy & Immunology Fellow, UC. Kehoe Auditorium, UC Kettering Lab Complex.

Jan. 17, 8 AM-3 PM: Sports Concussion Clinical Research Initiative. Kehoe Auditorium, UC Kettering Lab Complex. **RSVP** by Jan 15.

Jan. 22, 12-1 PM: CCHMC Ethics Center Special Seminar. Non-Invasive Prenatal Genetic Testing: Mapping Bioethics in Translation. Marsha Michie, PhD, Stanford University. Location TBA.

Feb. 3, 12-1 PM: Faculty Career Development Seminar. Authorship: guidelines, ethics, and dilemmas. William Balistreri, MD, editor, and Monica Helton, managing editor, The Journal of Pediatrics. CCHMC Location D, Room 2.22. **RSVP.**

Feb. 6, 12-1 PM: CCTST K Club. Progression from K to R. Melinda Butsch Kovacic, PhD and Dan Schauer, MD. Location TBA. More on the K Club in *Did You Know?* below.

Feb. 11, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. Modeling of Multivariate Longitudinal Phenotypes in Family Genetic Studies with Bayesian Multiplicity Adjustment. Lili Ding, PhD, CCHMC div. of biostatistics & epidemiology. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125.

Feb. 13, 2-3 PM: REDCap User Group Meeting. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125. Now meeting on the 2nd Thursday each month at a new time.

Feb. 21: CCTST Grand Rounds. Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Health Care Systems. Mark Pauly, PhD, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

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. Abstracts due Feb. 7.

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?

The **CCTST K Club** provides continuing education and networking opportunities to junior faculty across the Academic Health Center who are **current or potential** career development grant awardees.

Generally held the first Thursday each month at noon, meetings typically feature faculty presentations on member-selected topics of interest, followed by roundtable discussion. Lunch is provided.

The next meeting is Friday, January 10 from 12-1 PM in CCHMC Location S, Room 5.100 (special date and location). Topic is *How to Write Letters of Intent (LOIs)*. See event listing above.

For more information, and to be added to the K Club distribution list, please contact [Susan Moore](#).

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

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