

### Research Central Consultation Changes

The CTSA award that supported the CCTST for the past 6 years ended March 31, and we have applied for competitive renewal. In response to recommendations from NIH regarding the CTSA grant renewal, we are introducing new initiatives to make clinical and translational research more efficient and effective.

On April 1, 2015, we introduced a new system for providing support for study design, data management and analysis. Up to this point, we provided 10 hours of research support each grant year (April 1–March 31) to all members of the CCTST. In the new system, we will provide free methodologic consultation and advice to CCTST members for up to one hour, but direct support for study design and statistical analysis will be granted via vouchers.

The system will let us focus our effort and invest resources on promising projects that may need and deserve even more than 10 hours of support. Other functions, such as data management via REDCap and simple cohort size identification via i2b2 will continue to be processed at no cost to investigators through Research Central and will not be subject to the voucher system.

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### CCTST “T1” Pilot Grant Awards Announced

“T1” research seeks to apply clinical or basic research knowledge in an identifiable pathway towards the development of trials and studies in humans. For FY 2016, the CCTST has awarded a total of \$750,000 in pilot funding for 5 T1 projects and 1 T1 Jr. project, and 4 innovative cores. A table of investigators and projects is [available here](#). Congratulations to our awardees!

[Read more](#) about the CCTST T1 program.

### CCTST Research Ethics Grant Announced

**Mary Greiner, MD**, director of the CHECK Foster Care Clinic at CCHMC, has been awarded a CCTST Research Ethics grant for her project, *Ethics of Informed Consent for Youth in Foster Care*.

Offered annually, the program supports interdisciplinary empirical research to develop, inform, or apply morally, socially and culturally acceptable frameworks that maximize the ethics of conducting clinical and translational research.

[Read more](#) about the CCTST Research Ethics Grant program.

### Register Now for Research Week Events, May 4-8

Research Week May 4-8 is a major showcase of biomedical and health-related research at UC, UC Health, CCHMC and the VAMC.

The week kicks off with an opening ceremony/block party on Monday, May 4, and includes numerous special lectures, poster sessions and events tailored to each day’s theme, including a variety of Community Engagement related presentations on Tuesday, May 5; a presentation by **Nobel Laureate David Baltimore** on Wednesday, May 6; Lifespan research presentations on Thursday, May 7; and an ethics lecture by **Belmont Report co-author Tom Beauchamp** on Friday, May 8.

A complete schedule of events with links to online registration is [available here](#). Presenting Sponsor is Assurex Health. For more information, contact [Brieanne Sheehan](#).

[Read the news release](#)

### Collaborative Innovation Award Offered

NCATS just released twin FOAs ([PAR-15-172](#) and [PAR-15-173](#)) that will support innovative projects designed to address obstacles in the completion of translational research. This program will require investigators from 3 or more CTSA hubs (centers) who will work together to create an application that will address potential relevant topics found in the FOAs.

The CCTST is looking for investigators who may have or can develop ongoing collaborations with investigators at other CTSA sites to develop applications. To qualify for submission of the U01 on February 3, 2016, an X02 pre-application must be submitted for the June 24, 2015 deadline. There will be \$9 million allocated for up to 6 awards. Please review the FOAs (linked above) and contact Drs. [James Heubi](#), [Joel Tsevat](#) or [Brett Kissela](#) if you have potential concepts and colleagues at other CTSA sites that might be collaborators for a submission.

### Genomics and Ethics Conference a Success!

Over 100 participants from 13 states, Japan and Kuwait attended the March 12-13 event. Photos and presenters’ slides are now available.

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### XU Launches Center for Innovation

The new Xavier University Center for Innovation provides capabilities and resources to ignite, inspire, connect, and transform 3 distinct communities—Healthcare, Education, and Innovation.

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Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project?

[CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. Over 3,200 members have joined!

Already a member? Please [log in from our home page](#) and click “Request Assistance with Your Research Project.”

[Other Events of Interest](#) click links for details

**Apr. 16, 2-4 PM:** [Project Management and Design in RED-Cap](#). CCHMC Location S, Room 11.100. [Register online](#).

**Apr. 17, 11 AM-12 PM:** [Biomedical Informatics Friday Speaker Series](#). *Gaining a mechanistic understanding of genetic risk loci for lupus*. **Leah Kottyan, PhD**, Center for Autoimmune Genomics and Etiology, CCHMC. Loc. S7.125.

**Apr. 20, 12-1 PM:** [UC Heart, Lung and Vascular Institute and Cardiovascular Center Seminar Series](#). *Mitochondrial Quality Control in the Heart*. **Roberta Gottlieb, MD**, Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute. 3351 UC MSB. [Register for webinar](#).

**Apr. 21, 8 AM-5 PM:** [Write Winning Grant Proposals](#). For faculty and mentored clinical scientists at UC, CCHMC and VAMC. Presented by Grant Writers’ Seminars and Workshops LLC. Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC College of Medicine. \$150.

**Apr. 21-23, 8 AM-12:30 PM:** [CORE Clinical Research Training](#). 13 intense modules over 3 half days for investigators, nurses, coordinators and managers. CCHMC Location S10.130. Contact [Mina Busch](#) for details.

**Apr. 22, 8:30 AM-5 PM:** [NIH Career Development Award Proposals](#). Prerequisite: *Write Winning Grant Proposals*. Presented by Grant Writers’ Seminars and Workshops LLC. Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC College of Medicine.

**Apr. 22, 10:30-11:30 AM:** [Research IT Clinic Open House](#). *Cincinnati Children’s Biobanking Software System*. **James Morgan**, manager, biomaterial tracking and mgmt. CCHMC Location S1.204.

**Apr. 22, 1-5 PM:** [Grant Writing: Getting Started](#). For new/early-stage investigators, graduate students or postdocs with no prior grant writing experience. Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC College of Medicine. \$100.

**May 4-8: Research Week 2015: Research Works!** A week-long showcase of health and medical research collaboration. [Calendar of events](#).

**Oct. 1-2: 17th Annual Human Subject Protection Conference: Takin’ Care of Business**. N. Ky. Convention Ctr. [Save the date!](#)

### Nutrition Hot Topics Archive

A Mediasite recording of the Feb. 13 inaugural Nutrition Hot Topics presentation *Chronically shortened sleep in adolescents: Impact on eating and obesity* by **Dean Beebe, PhD**, director of the neuropsychology program at CCHMC, is available on the series’ archive page, [cctst.uc.edu/nutrition](#).

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

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