

Clinical and Translational Science Award Update

The CCTST's competitive renewal application for a 5-year NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) was submitted in January. We have been in contact with National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) program staff and expect a notice of award soon. We will inform members as soon as we are notified.

As proposed, with CTSA and institutional support the CCTST would continue to provide access to research methodology and informatics assistance, education programs, and pilot grant opportunities, while leading initiatives to improve the research environment across and beyond the Academic Health Center (AHC) and community including:

- Transformation of the successful Research Central online service portal into a comprehensive Research Commons platform, with more sophisticated tracking and analytic capabilities
- Creation of the Center for Improvement Science, a home for patient-centered outcomes research and interprofessional training with an emphasis on Team Science
- Consolidation of all AHC clinical trials activities under a single umbrella, the Cincinnati Health Research Office (Cincinnati HERO), which would lead recruitment efforts to increase participation by underserved populations
- Expansion of the successful Community Leaders Institute and research mentorship training programs

Additional details will be shared as they become available.

Design Thinking Research Award LOI Due August 3

The CCTST and [Live Well Collaborative](#) have joined forces to offer the Design Thinking Research Award. The program provides up to \$10,000 in support toward a semester-long studio project in which a design-led multidisciplinary team of UC faculty and students works with investigators to address a health care challenge. The PI must be a CCHMC faculty member; collaboration with faculty based at UC and the Cincinnati VAMC is encouraged.

The [May 15 CCTST Grand Rounds](#) profiled 3 recent projects. Letter of Intent deadline for spring semester is **August 3**.

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2015 CCTST Community Health Grants Announced

The CCTST Community Engagement core has funded 7 Community Health Grant projects for 2015. A total of \$102,381 was awarded to innovative academic-community partnerships addressing CCTST strategic priority areas including childhood asthma, diabetes, pediatric obesity, pediatric injury and minority health. A table of funded projects is [available here](#). Congratulations to our awardees!

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Inaugural Care Delivery Innovation Program Offered

The inaugural **Care Delivery Innovation Competition** will focus on telehealth solutions that enable more effective ways to provide care to patients by increasing efficiency, improving quality and enhancing access to care.

All health professionals and researchers within UC Health and the UC Academic Health Center currently part of a telehealth initiative in either the implementation or pilot stage are eligible to apply. Proposals must represent collaborations between UC Health and the UC Academic Health Center.

The top 2 teams will each receive \$20,000. Entry forms are due **September 1**, with invited applications due October 30.

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CCHMC Diversity, Place Outcomes Awards Announced

Tesfaye Mersha, PhD, assistant professor, asthma research, has received the inaugural **Diversity and Health Disparities Award** for his proposal "*Genetic ancestry and racial disparities in childhood asthma*." This 2-year award provides research funds for CCHMC faculty who are underrepresented minorities and/or have a strong commitment to health disparities research.

Six projects have been funded by the **Place Outcomes Research Award**. The program supports and accelerates outcomes, health services and quality improvement research at CCHMC by funding innovative studies that use rigorous methods to improve health and healthcare delivery.

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Call for Abstracts: 2015 Appalachian Health Summit

Abstracts are now being accepted for the Appalachian Translational Research Network (ATRN) 2015 Health Summit, held in conjunction with the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute annual meeting, October 14-16 at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston. **Abstracts are due Aug. 16**. Registration deadline is August 21.

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Use SciENcv to Update Your NIH Biosketch

[SciENcv](#) (Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae) is a free researcher profile system developed by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), available to investigators to update and maintain their biosketches in the new NIH format.

[Learn more](#) on how to use it from a presentation developed by **Alison Kissling, MLIS**, research librarian with the CCHMC Pratt Research Library.

Proposals for Use of OMAS Data Due August 7

The Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center requests proposals from qualified investigators to research select topics using data from the 2015 Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey (OMAS), including descriptive and modeled assessments of:

- Maternal and infant/child health
- Influence of determinants of health upon health status, access to care, and health care utilization
- Access to and use of patient-centered medical homes

The primary theme of interest for all 3 topics is the examination of outcomes associated with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid extension in Ohio. Up to 3 awards of \$100,000 will be made. Applications are due **Friday, August 7 by 5 PM**.

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CCTST Regulatory Forum May 29: recording available

A Mediasite recording of the May 29 CCTST Regulatory Forum **Blurred lines: Is randomized controlled patient care research or practice?** is [available online](#). The program featured a panel discussion by **Michael Linke, PhD**, the Academic Health Center moderated by **Michael Linke, PhD**, the Academic Health Center, Cincinnati VAMC and chair, UC IRB.

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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!

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

July 16, 2-4 PM: [Project Management and Design in RED-Cap](#). CCHMC Loc S11.100. [Register online](#).

July 22, 12-1 PM: [Research in Patient Services Colloquium. Stress Biomarkers and Feeding Intolerance in Preterm Infants Over Time](#). **Tiffany A. Moore, PhD, RN**, University of Nebraska Medical Center. CCHMC Research Auditorium, R3381.

July 23, 1:00-2:30 PM: [Advanced REDCap](#). UC Harrison Health Sciences Library. [Register online](#) or email [Lauren Mills](#).

July 30, 2-4 PM: [Project Management and Design in RED-Cap](#). CCHMC Loc S11.100. [Register online](#).

Aug. 4, 2-3 PM: [Center for Systems Immunology Seminar. A human genetic approach to understanding immune regulation](#). **Michael Lenardo, MD, NIAID**. CCHMC Research Auditorium, R3381.

Oct. 1-2: **17th Annual Human Subject Protection Conference: Takin' Care of Business**. N. Ky. Convention Ctr. [Registration now open!](#) Discount for UC, UK and CCHMC staff who register by Aug. 31.

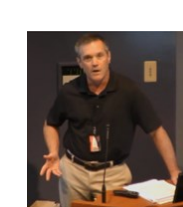
Did You Know?

As of April 1, access to biostatistical, study design and biomedical informatics resources within the CCTST's Research Central is provided by application through a voucher system.

[Read the policy here](#)



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