CCTS DIGEST
Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.

Did You Know?

The NCATS Center for Leading Innovation and Collaboration (CLIC) website features a home page slide on SEQUIN, a joint project of four CTSA Hubs: UAB, UMass Medical School, NYU School of Medicine, and University of Rochester Medical Center (in its capacity as the CLIC Coordinating Center). SEQUIN, which stands for multi-CTSA mini-Sabbatical Evaluation and QUality ImprovemeNt, aims to evaluate and expand the use of mini-sabbaticals, immersion learning experiences ranging from 2-120 days, by the translational science workforce. More than 30 mini-sabbaticals are currently available on the **CLIC opportunities board**. CCTS offers travel support to our investigators who wish to learn a new tool or research technique via a mini-sabbatical. **More**

News/Announcements

CCTS Open House Highlights New Supports, Draws Large Crowd

More than 120 people joined us for our biannual Open House on Wednesday, August 1. In addition to the usual festivities, the event featured information about our latest learning, funding, and collaboration opportunities. ICYMI we recap the high points. **More**

CCTS Launches 6th Annual Community Health Engagement Awards

Registration for the 2018 CCTS CHIA grant cycle is now open to 501(c)(3) organizations with a creative idea for solving an "on the ground" health challenge in Birmingham. We seek to support novel, collaborative, inclusive, and sustainable solutions that address real-world community health needs (see our CHIA web page for examples). Once registered, the next step is to **attend the mandatory Innovation Workshop on Sat., September 29**, at the UAB Lister Hill Library Edge of Chaos. **More**

NCATS Task Force Announces CTSA Team Science Contest

Do you have a translational team science story to share? The Great CTSA Team Science Contest is an opportunity to share experiences that encouraged or advanced team science-including programs, support services, events, and collaborations. Innovative ideas and lessons learned also are welcome. Designed by the Collaboration Engagement Domain Task Force, the contest is open to any CCTS investigator, community member, or staff.

Winners' stories will be featured at the CTSA Program Fall Meeting in October. **Submit by Wed., September 5.** **More**

Enhance Your Research with a CCTS and/or Radiology Imaging Development Voucher

Do you have specimens that need processing, data that need analyzing, or subjects who require dietary, nursing, or regulatory support? Would your project benefit from molecular, functional or anatomic images? The CCTS and UAB Dept. of Radiology voucher programs offer extra support that may help take your research to the next level. Investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at any CCTS Partner institution are encouraged to apply. Each program offers up to $5,000 in direct costs. **More**

CCTS Interdisciplinary Network Pilot Program

Are you a full-time investigator at a CCTS Partner Network institution with a project that explores scientific questions of import to the health of communities in AL, MS, and/or LA? Do you research health disparities, health outcomes, or health challenges across the life course? Are you involved in community-engaged research, population health studies, or clinical trial recruitment innovation? If so, consider applying for a CCTS 2019 pilot award. **Pre-applications are due August 15, 2018, 5pm CDT** (we strongly encourage applicants to **read the entire RFA** prior to beginning the application process). **More**

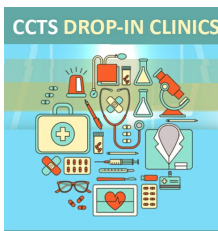### Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Grants

Applications for **PA-18-574** and **PA-18-275** should address a range of focus areas relevant to any stage of translation, from target validation through pre-clinical and clinical evaluation, to intervention implementation and dissemination. **Applications due Sept. 5. More**

CCTS Radiology Pilot Research Initiative

In collaboration with the UAB Department of Radiology and School of Medicine, the CCTS is requesting pilot study proposals for research projects requiring human imaging on the Highlands 3T, PET/MR, PET/CT, CT, and/or Small Animal Imaging on the 9.4T, MRI, Micro PET/CT, etc. The intent of the Pilot Initiative is to promote pre-clinical and clinical research projects and so acquire data that can be used in publications and extramural grant applications. **Application due Sept. 21**. **More**

CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design**. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Aug. 6 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos |More

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Aug. 8 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS |More

TIERS: Rigor, Reproducibility, and Transparency (R2T)
Daniel Mirman, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology at UAB, will discuss the key challenges to reproducibility of scientific research and strategies for overcoming those challenges. He will focus on why overcoming those challenges is not just good for the field, but good for individual scientists and labs. He will also address specific NIH guidelines and requirements. Registration required by August 8.

Aug. 10 | 11am-12:30pm | PCAMS | More

Upcoming Events

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
Aug. 14 | 9-11am | LRC 210A | **Register**

CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn: Research Administration, IRB, OSP, CTAO, CBR, OnCore, and Power Trial Updates
Registration required
Aug. 14 | 11:30am-12:45pm | Spain Auditorium

UAB Marchase Interdisciplinary Research Centers Symposium
Registration requested
Aug. 17 | 8am-1pm | Spain Auditorium

4th Annual AURIC (Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer) Symposium
Registration required
Aug. 24-25 | Marriott Grand National Resort | Opelika, AL

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Sept. 27 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | **Register**

NCATS Day 2018: Engaging Patients and Communities for Smarter Science
Sept. 28 | 9am-4:30pm | NIH | Bethesda, MD

6th Annual Immunogenomics Conference
Oct. 1-3 | HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology | Huntsville, AL

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
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Oct. 9 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | **Register**

Complete listing of CCTS events