NEWS

Mini Symposia - Call for Proposals

The 6th Annual UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat will be held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Albert Sherman Center, University of MA Medical School.

We are requesting proposals for mini symposia to be held during the retreat.

Proposals are due on Monday, February 1, 2016. Learn More

UMass Life Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF) will be Announced in January 2016

The UMass Life Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF) call for letters of intent will be announced in early January 2016. UMCCTS members will receive notification of this funding opportunity via email. If you are not a member, please sign-up for membership so you don't miss out on this exciting opportunity.

New Funding Opportunity!
The "Next Hundred Million" Pilot Projects (NHMPP) 2016

Request for Letters of Intent

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science and MassBiologics of UMMS are pleased to announce a funding call for "The Next Hundred Million" Pilot Projects (NHMPP). The NHMPP will serve as a dedicated pool of funding to spur innovative collaborations between UMMS, MassBiologics of UMMS and investigators across the UMass System with the goal of enhancing the translation of discoveries for clinical use. Deadline for letters of intent is Friday, January 8, 2016. Learn More

New Funding Opportunity!
UMCCTS 2016 Pilot Project Program (PPP)
Request for Letters of Intent
The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) is pleased to announce a funding call for the **Pilot Project Program (PPP) 2016**. The PPP differs from other intramural funding in that the key goal of PPP funding is to effect a qualitative change in the way the work is conducted. The intent of the funding is to speed up the rate of progress to move a research project, clinical finding or other discovery into a broader network of activities, while maximizing the breadth of transdisciplinary skills applied to the research question. We are particularly interested in proposals which feature a clinical scientist working with a basic scientist and proposals with an emphasis on community-based research. **Deadline for letters of intent is Friday, January 22, 2106.**  

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Two New Funding Opportunities!  
**Office of Global Health**

**Office of Global Health-Pilot Project Program (OGH-PPP) 2016 Request for Letters of Intent**
The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) Office of Global Health announces the **2016 Pilot Project Program (OGH-PPP) request for letters of intent**. The key goal of the OGH-PPP funding is to catalyze the development of translational research projects that provide a firm scientific basis for clinical practice and public health policy in global settings. The intent of the OGH-PPP is to promote and prioritize funding projects that are innovative, interdisciplinary, evidence-based, capitalize on University of Massachusetts Medical School programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding.  
**Letters of intent are due Friday, January 22, 2016.**  

**Office of Global Health Spring 2016 Travel Award Request for Proposals**
The UMMS Office of Global Health (OGH) coordinates activities and administers grants that enhance and expand UMMS programs in global health improvement and disease prevention. OGH invites the submissions of travel awards focused on the development or expansion of global health training or research projects. **Applications are due Friday, March 11, 2016.**

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**Post-Doctoral Fellowship Training Program in Clinical and Translational Science Request for Post-Doctoral Trainee Applications**
The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) Pre- and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Training Program currently has one slot open at the Post-Doctoral level (must begin appointment before March 31, 2016). **Post-doctoral applications are due Tuesday, January 5, 2016.**

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**A Picture CAN Tell a Dozen Tables' Worth of Data**

Sally Gore, MS, MSLIS
Research Evaluation Analyst, UMCCTS
When it comes to summarizing and sharing information with an audience, one important thing to remember is the audience itself. It's a pretty simple concept, yet too often forgotten or dismissed when we're preparing a talk, an article, a policy statement, patient education materials, and the myriad of other containers into which we fit our message.

Most recently, I've been working to pull together sections for the Final Progress Report for our initial Clinical and Translational Science Award. This is not my first time writing such a report and as has been the case in the past, we follow a template that goes something like:

Overall Objectives and Goals > Aims > Accomplishments Associated with Each Aim > Milestones Reached for the Same > Challenges Faced > Future Plans 

DID YOU KNOW?

CUREACCELERATOR

CureAccelerator is open to all researchers and clinicians at our Partner academic medical centers and other research institutions, and companies that have agreed to become CureAccelerator Partner Organizations. It is also open to invited researchers at other institutions, or in clinical practice.

Join our 100 in 100 campaign: Cures Within Reach invites you to be part of a worldwide initiative that will drive more treatments to more patients more quickly.

We challenge and encourage you and your peers to post your repurposing proposals and ideas to CureAccelerator within the next 100 days so that we can prove to the world that developing repurposing treatments is a critical piece of the healthcare puzzle.

Congratulations!

2015 UMCCTS Community Engagement & Research Pilot Project Program Awardees

Congratulations to the 2015 UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Pilot Project Program awardees:

Lorraine S. Cordeiro, PhD, MPH
Department of Nutrition, School of Public Health and Health Sciences, UMass Amherst

Christopher B. Denning, PhD
Department of Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education & Human Development, UMass Boston

Rachel Kulick, PhD in Sociology
Sociology and Anthropology Department
UMass Dartmouth

Herpreet Thind, PhD, MPH, MBBS
Department of Community Health and Sustainability, College of Health Sciences, UMass Lowell
Save the Date!

The 6th Annual UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat will take place on Friday, May 20, 2016, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, at the Albert Sherman Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester. A call for proposals for Mini Symposia presenters has just been issued and Poster Session abstracts will be announced as we get closer to the Retreat date.

EVENTS

Please join the Bioinformatics Core for a Clinical Overview
Presented by:

Tim Tarnowski
Senior Vice President and CIO
UMass Memorial Health Care

&

Jomol Mathew
ACIO, Research Computing and Data Innovation
UMass Medical School

"Data Centric New Projects at the Medical School and Opportunities with EPIC"

Friday, January 8, 2016
11:00 am

Albert Sherman Center Auditorium (2nd floor)
University of Massachusetts Medical School

MassTERi Kick-Off Event 2015 was a Huge Success!
From Chemical to Drug—The Path to Small Molecule IND

Best Practices When Filing Small Molecule Investigational New Drug Applications

The MassTERi Kick-Off Event, held on November 17th, was a huge success with over 280+ attendees from all 5 UMass campuses. We thank Johnson & Johnson, JLABS, and Janssen Discovery Sciences for their informative presentations. Future MassTERi events will be forthcoming...

Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)
Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Clinical Research Professionals Group (CRPG) Meetings:

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
12:00 - 1:00 pm
NEW LOCATION: S5-402, 5th floor conference room, UMMS, Worcester

Monday, January 11, 2016
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Hiatt Auditorium, S1-608, UMMS, Worcester

Learn More

December Events

FUNDING and TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NCATS’ Seeks Applications to Repurpose Existing Drugs

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) is seeking applications for rigorous, pre-clinical research projects that are based on repurposing existing drugs or biologics. Through this new funding opportunity, NCATS anticipates committing $4.3 million in fiscal year 2016 to issue 10 to 15 awards in support of studies that establish the rationale for a new clinical trial. Read the full announcement
The Office of Technology Commercialization & Ventures (OTCV) is pleased to announce the 13th annual solicitation for the OTCV Technology Development Fund 2016. The purpose of the Fund is to assist faculty and the OTCV offices with the commercial development of important technologies discovered on our campuses. The Fund was initially created as part of the University's science and technology activities and as part of OTCV's desire to increase licensing income, startups, and entrepreneurism at UMass. These funds are to be awarded through a competitive process to researchers who have invented or developed concepts, goods or services that have commercial potential. The grant is intended to move technologies to the proof of concept stage or to allow the investigator to take other critical steps to make the technology attractive for licensing or other forms of commercialization. The Fund is NOT intended to support basic research, but rather close the gap between the research discovery and proven technology.

Proposals due Friday, January 15, 2016. Read the full announcement.

The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation
Macy Faculty Scholars Program

The Macy Faculty Scholars Program aims to accelerate needed reforms in health professions education to accommodate the dramatic changes occurring in medical practice and health care delivery. The program is designed to identify and nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in Medicine and Nursing.

The University of Massachusetts Medical School has been invited to submit ONE nomination.

A complete description of the Macy Faculty Scholars Program can be found here.

Internal applications are due by January 16, 2016 through the new Limited Submission Application portal on the UMMS Office of Research website.

The Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program

Established in 1936, the Charles A. King Trust was created to "support and promote the investigation of human disease and the alleviation of human suffering through improved treatment."

In keeping with these principles, the King Trust today supports postdoctoral fellows in the basic sciences and clinical and health services research.

The Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program is designed to support postdoctoral scientists in non-profit academic, medical or research institutions in Massachusetts.

Applications are due January 29, 2016.

Learn More

Mixed Methods Research Training Program for the Health Sciences

The L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Program
Call for Applications

Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, along with the NIH, have partnered to provide this new and exciting one-year fully funded national program. Program scholars will have the opportunity to enhance their mixed method research skills through a state-of-the-art training program including interactive webinars, working with nationally recognized mixed methods mentors and consultants, and attending a summer retreat.

Applications are due January 15, 2016.

For eligibility requirements and application instructions, please visit the website.

The L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Program recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations. More than 2,250 women scientists in over 110 countries have been recognized since the program began in 1998.

In the US, the For Women in Science fellowship program awards five post-doctoral women scientists annually with grants of $60,000 each. Applicants are selected from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics.

Applications are due February 5, 2016.

For eligibility requirements and application instructions, please visit the website.

Please remember to cite the CTSA Grant # UL1-TR001453 in all supported journal publications.