**The UMass Start-Up Seminar Series**

**When:**  
Thursday, April 5 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Introduction to Entrepreneurship  
Tuesday, April 17 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Pitching the Idea  
Tuesday, May 15 11:30 am - 1 pm  
Funding the Company

**Where:**  
UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA, Faculty Conference Room (S1-342)

What does it take to start a company? How do you know if your invention could be the basis for a company? How do you interest investors in your idea to fund the start-up? Where else might you find money and resources? Why do you want to spend time commercializing your technology? Where do you start and who should you talk to? This seminar series will provide students, researchers and faculty with an introduction to their options if they are interested in starting a company. Each seminar will focus on one aspect of the start-up process and the resources that are available to help. Additional details to come. Pizza will be provided.

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**Call for Proposals for Pilot Studies in Community Translational Research**

The Community Engagement and Research Section of the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is issuing a call for proposals for pilot projects in the area of community translational research. We intend to fund up to three $12,000 awards pending the availability of funds. These awards will need to be spent by March 31, 2013. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **May 1, 2012**. The complete RFA is available here - [www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CCTS/Community/Umass-RFP-2012.doc](http://www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CCTS/Community/Umass-RFP-2012.doc)

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**Office of Global Health Pilot Funding Opportunity**

The Office of Global Health invites the submission of proposals focused on the development or expansion of global health training or research projects. Two types of grant awards are available: **Pilot Project Grants** and **Travel Awards**. Additional details are available online [here](http://umassmed.edu/globalhealth/grants.aspx). Questions may be directed to OGH Program Coordinator, Jessica Chang ([jessica.chang@umassmed.edu](mailto:jessica.chang@umassmed.edu) or 6-2840).

Deadline for submissions is **Friday, April 9, 2012**.

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**M2D2 New Venture Competition Showcase**

**When:**  
March 28, 2012 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm

**Where:**  
M2D2 Innovation Hub, 600 Suffolk Street, 2nd Floor, Wannalancit Business Center, Lowell, MA 01854

The Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) will be hosting a New Venture Competition Showcase Event sponsored by Nutter McClennen & Fish LL. Novel medical device technologies will be presented, followed by a poster and networking session. [Register here](http://www.m2d2.com/register). If you have questions email [M2D2@uml.edu](mailto:M2D2@uml.edu) or call 978-934-3465.

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**2012 Community-Engaged Partnerships Symposium**

**When:**  
April 05, 2012 - 12:00 pm

**Where:**  
Location: UMass Boston, Campus Center Ballroom

The **"UMass Boston Community-Engaged Partnerships Symposium: Teaching, Research, Service"** is a collaborative effort by the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Division of Government Relations and Public Affairs. This will be a university-wide event designed to advance and showcase community-engaged activities at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The symposium will offer professional development workshops as well as showcase the efforts and achievements of UMass Boston faculty and staff. Additional information is available here- [http://www.umb.edu/news_events_media/events/2012_community_engaged_partnerships_symposium](http://www.umb.edu/news_events_media/events/2012_community_engaged_partnerships_symposium)

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**NIH Debuts Site on Clinical Trial Participation**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has created a new web site, NIH Clinical Research Trials and You, to help people learn more about clinical trials, why they matter, and how to participate.  
Faculty Development Session: Community-Engaged Research
When: Wednesday, April 6, 2012, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
Where: UMass Dartmouth, Office of Faculty Development Office, Library 218
Join us in CCB 115 to see how faculty from across campus, including Kerry Fater (Adult Nursing), Mike Goodman (Public Policy), Chad McGuire (Public Policy), Tim Shea (Decision & Information Sciences) and Steven White (Management and Marketing) have developed community engaged projects that simultaneously integrate teaching, research and service to help meet pressing community needs. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sandy at sviveiros@umassd.edu by April 5th to reserve your lunch. Additional details available here - http://www1.umassd.edu/calendar/welcome.cfm?ek=19274&view=monthly&fm=04&fd=01&fy=2011&c=&kw

CTSA Webinar Series - Use of Social Media in Clinical Trial Recruitment
When: April 12, 2012, 2 - 3pm ET
Where: Recruitment & Retention Taskforce Webinar Meetings
Registration URL: https://student.gototraining.com/r/8656127729417865472
Toll-free: 1 877 568 4109
Toll: +1 (714) 551-5083
Access Code: 706-331-700
Lindsay McNair, http://equipoiseconsultingllc.com/bio.html – trained as a surgeon, then a Medical Monitor for pharma, interested in IRB and ethical issues of research, Dr. McNair has broad experience in the use of social media in clinical trial recruitment. She discusses the impact of the use of social media on trial enrollment, conduct, integrity, bias, cheating, unblinding, and what one can do about it.

SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat
When: May 22, 2012
Where: Hoagland-Pincus Center in Shrewsbury, MA
The 3rd Annual Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Hoagland-Pincus Center in Shrewsbury. The meeting agenda and request for abstracts are forthcoming. Hope to see you there!

Please remember to cite the UMCCTS grant UL1RR031982 in all journal publications.

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