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NEWS & EVENTS

April 2012

New Clinical Research (K12) Scholar Announced

David McManus, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School has been named the 2012 UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science Clinical Research Scholar. His project will focus on Atrial Remodeling and Fibrillation: Understanding Mechanisms Using MicroRNA. David’s sponsor and primary mentor is John Keaney, Jr., MD, Professor of Medicine, and Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine.

New Pilot Project Program (PPP) Investigators Announced

Hua (Julia) Fang, PhD, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences, UMMS
“A New Tool for Studying Heterogeneity of Treatment Effects in Longitudinal Translational Research”

Brian C. Lewis, PhD, Program in Gene Function and Expression, UMMS
“Combined Inhibition of MEK and IGF1R as an Effective Therapeutic Strategy for Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma”

Zuoshang Xu, PhD, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, UMMS
“Deliver RNAi for Treatment of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Using AAV”

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 on line http://umassmed.edu/globalhealth/grants.aspx. Questions may be directed to OGH Program Coordinator, Jessica Chang (jessica.chang@umassmed.edu or 6-2840). Deadline for submissions is Monday, April 9, 2012.

M2D2 New Venture Competition Awards

When: April 11, 2012 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Where: M2D2 Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP, Seaport West, 155 Seaport Boulevard Boston, MA 02210
Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP and The Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) will be hosting the New Venture Competition Awards on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. This event will feature the Awardees of the New Venture Competition Showcase. Posters by medical device start-up companies and inventors will feature new medical design inventions that have been submitted to the M2D2 New Venture Competition tournament. Register through the M2D2 website at www.uml.edu/M2D2

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.

CCTS Seminar Series Continues – Office of Global Health

When: April 13, 2012, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Where: UMass Medical School, University Campus, Worcester – PLEASE NOTE LOCATION - Amphitheater III (S6-102)
Katherine Luzuriaga, MD, Associate Provost of Global Health; Professor of Pediatrics; Chief, Division of Pediatric Immunology & Infectious Diseases will discuss, “Global Health Translational Research”.
Lunch will be served.
The UMass Start-Up Seminar Series

When:  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)

To REGISTER (free) click on the link below.
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e5pkqkf0bb59a73c&oseq

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.  Pizza will be provided.

CALL FOR POSTERS

The UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) is announcing a CALL FOR POSTERS for the 3rd Annual UMCCTS Research Retreat on May 22, 2012 to be held at the Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, Shrewsbury, MA

Deadline Date:  April 16, 2012, 5:00 PM (EST)

Click on link for more details:  http://www.umassmed.edu/Content.aspx?id=150804

Poster proposals adhere to the following: submit as a one-page Word file; Use 12 pt font and single spacing; Include, title, full name of authors, institutional affiliations, contact information, an abstract of no more than 300 words.

Please submit your poster proposal as an email attachment to  wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu with the subject line reading, "CTS Retreat Poster Submission".

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 at:

www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CCTS/Community/Umass-RFP-2012.doc

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.  Registration and agenda are forthcoming on April 17.  Hope to see you there!

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.
http://www.nih.gov/health/clinicaltrials/

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

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