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News and Events

October 2013

University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science

**UMCCTS and MassBiologics of UMMS
“Next Hundred Million” Pilot Projects (NHMPP) 2013 Funding Award**

The University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) and MassBiologics of UMMS are pleased to announce a funding opportunity for “The Next Hundred Million” Pilot Projects (NHMPP) 2013 Award. 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.

Projects must include at least one investigator from MassBiologics of UMMS and a faculty investigator from at least one UMass campus (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester). Individual project awards (**up to \$75,000 for 1 year; up to \$125,000 for two years**) will be made on a competitive basis to enable investigators to accelerate the translation of innovative cutting-edge research.

Deadline for submission of **Letter of Intent** will be: **Monday, October 14, 2013 by 5:00 pm (EST)** to Wanda.DePasquale@umassmed.edu

Full funding announcement, instructions, and eligibility can be accessed at the UMCCTS website: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/research/grantopps.aspx>

**UMCCTS Fall 2013 Clinical Research Scholar (K12) Award
Funding Opportunity**

Drs. John Keaney, Jr., and Douglas Ziedonis are pleased to announce the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science Fall 2013 Clinical Research Scholar (K12) funding opportunity. Training of investigators who will make a career of innovative, hypothesis-driven clinical and translational research is a top priority of the UMCCTS. The Clinical Research Scholar (K12) Program has been developed to address this need. The training program will combine coursework, seminars, and mentored research.

The **deadline for submission of Letter of Intent and accompanying documentation** is: **Friday, November 1, 2013 by 5:00 pm (EST)** to wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu

Full funding announcement, instructions, and eligibility can be accessed at: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/research/grantopps.aspx>

Interested applicants are also invited to attend an informational Q&A meeting with Drs. Keaney and Hafer about the Clinical Research Scholar (K12) RFA on:

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013
4:00-5:00 pm
S3-851 Conference Room, UMMS Worcester campus**

Research Career & Writing Group (“K-Award” writing group) 2013-2014 Schedule

The Research Career Award Writing Group (“K-Award” writing group), established in 2007, is co-lead by Drs. Doug Ziedonis and Sherry Pagoto. Most faculty who participate and apply for a research career award have been very successful in getting funded (>80% success rate). The group meets monthly to provide information and feedback on academic career development and on preparing a Research Career Award application (NIH K Awards, VA Research Career Awards, CTSA K12 grants, etc.).

Interested in joining? To become a member, please contact Ms. Denise Barrett, Executive Assistant to Dr. Ziedonis, at denise.barrett@umassmemorial.org

The 2013-2014 schedule is now posted at the **K-Award website**, <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/K-Club/index.aspx>

UMCCTS Small Conference Grants Funding Opportunity

Introduction

The University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) is pleased to announce a funding call for small conference grants (SCG). This funding opportunity is designed to leverage the convening capacity of the UMCCTS to create new, multidisciplinary teams to address a pressing health need. For the purpose of this award, a conference is defined as a symposium, educational program, seminar, workshop, or any other organized and formal meeting.

Purpose

The UMCCTS supports projects that are inter-campus in orientation and directed toward life sciences projects related to clinical and translational research. This fund serves to spur inter-disciplinary collaboration and strengthen the University’s research portfolio in clinical and translational research. By providing seed funding to outstanding faculty members, this fund facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system, thereby leveraging the considerable expertise and resources that exist on the individual campuses. It is assumed that successful conferences will serve as a springboard to attract additional funding from extramural sources.

All UMass faculty (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester) with an interest in clinical and translational science may apply. **Project awards of up to \$1,000 can be requested.**

Proposals will be accepted on a “rolling basis” (no due date). Investigators will be notified of award approximately 2-3 weeks post submission.

Complete details, criteria to apply, and the application process are available at the UMCCTS website: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/research/grantopps.aspx>

UMCCTS Request for Volunteers for Educational Forum

To UMCCTS Members at the UMass Worcester Campus:

The UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) is looking to expand educational opportunities to assist faculty in the transition from a mentored research career to that of an

independent investigator. The primary focus is to craft an educational forum to successfully compete for NIH R-series awards and the K to R transition. We are looking for a few experienced faculty interested in leading this effort. We have training materials from similar programs at other institutions, so volunteers wouldn't necessarily need to create a new program from scratch. If you are interested in leading or participating in this new initiative, please contact Drs. John Keaney (john.keaney@umassmed.edu) or Nate Hafer (nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu).

You're invited...

3rd Annual UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Symposium

"COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH: EXPLORING THE REACH, IMPACT AND VALUE"

Friday, November 8, 2013

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Albert Sherman Center, UMMS Worcester Campus

The Symposium features a keynote address by Linda Silka, PhD, Director, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center and Professor, School of Economics at the University of Maine; posters, networking for researchers and community partners, a panel discussion, and breakout sessions.

Go to: http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/chr_symposium/2013/ to register (free) and for poster abstract information.

Poster Abstract Submission deadline extended to October 4, 2013

Posters can take many forms, such as simply sharing an organization's brochure, interests and ideas for new projects, or the results from past community engaged research projects. The point of the poster session is to spark conversation among individuals, organizations, and researchers with shared interests in order to begin new community engaged research partnerships to improve health.

Questions? communityengagement@umassmed.edu

**The University of Massachusetts Medical School
Presents the
Albert Sherman Center Inaugural Scientific Symposium**

Thursday, October 10, 2013

1:00 pm - Welcome by Chancellor Michael Collins and Dean Terence Flotte

5:15 PM - Reception in the Foyer and CUBE

Albert Sherman Center Auditorium (3rd floor)

UMass Medical School, Worcester campus

1:15 PM - "SCRAP: ANATOMY OF A STEROL SENSOR. PART 1"

Joseph L. Goldstein, MD

2:10 PM - SCAP: ANATOMY OF A STEROL SENSOR. PART 2"

Michael S. Brown, MD

3:35 PM - "FROM KNOWLEDGE TO IMPACT: BETTER CARE AND HEALTH"

Carolyn M. Clancy, MD

4:20 PM - "CONTROLLED DRUG DELIVERY AND TISSUE ENGINEERING FOR ANGIOGENESIS INHIBITORS"

Robert S. Langer, Sc.D.

Faculty, staff, and students from across all 5-UMass campuses are welcome to attend.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Jane Erickson (jane.erickson@umassmed.edu)

**Bioinformatics Core and Program in Bioinformatics and Integrative Biology
An Informal Discussion**

**"THE BIOINFORMATICS CORE OFFERINGS AND ARCHITECTURE: WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT NOW
AND IN THE COMING MONTHS"**

Manuel Garber, Hennady Shulha, and Alper Kucukural, Bioinformatics Core

Friday, October 11, 2013

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Albert Sherman Center

6th Floor Conference Room 2072

UMass Medical School, Worcester campus

**3rd Annual EU-US eHealth Marketplace and Conference
Registration open**

Tuesday, October 22-23, 2013

Seaport World Trade Center

200 Seaport Boulevard

Boston, MA

The Marketplace and Conference is a dynamic two-day program including a unique and successful brokerage networking program, providing participants access to one-on-one meeting with potential partners and contacts. The program will also include panel and keynote remarks from leading health innovators across industry, academia, and state and federal governments; networking opportunities, exhibition and speaking opportunities, and more.

Registration and complete information at:

http://www.masstech.org/eu-us-ehealth-marketplace-and-conference?utm_source=EU+US+Marketplace+Invitation&utm_campaign=EU+US&utm_medium=email

**Charles A. King Trust
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program**

Application guidelines are now available for the 2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program in the Basic Sciences and Clinical/Health Services Research.

The primary goal of the Program is to prepare postdoctoral fellows in Massachusetts for academic careers as successful independent investigators. United States citizenship is not required.

Funding period from: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016. Two-year fellowships from \$43,500-\$51,000.

Application submission deadline: Monday, December 16, 2013, 12:00 noon (US Eastern Time)

Details and application materials: www.tmfgrants.org/King

Please remember to cite the CTSA Grant # UL1TR000161 in all supported journal publications.

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