November 2017 Newsletter

FUNDING

UMCCTS Voyager Therapeutics Special Project Program
Letters of Intent due December 8, 2017

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) in collaboration with Voyager Therapeutics is pleased to announce a special round of Pilot Project Programs focused on understanding and optimizing recombinant adeno-associated viral (rAAV) vectors for therapeutic use.

For more information please see https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/Voyager-Therapeutics-PPP/

UMCCTS IND Launch Award
Applications due December 18, 2017

The UMCCTS is pleased to announce a funding call for the UMass IND/IDE-enabling studies. The purpose of this program is to facilitate additional research and development work directed at enabling first in human studies.

For more information please see: https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/ind-launch/

UMCCTS-Life Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF)
Letters of Intent due January 3, 2018

The UMCCTS is pleased to announce a funding call for the UMass Life Science Moment Fund (SMF). Projects supported by this fund will advance a therapeutic, device, intervention, approach, etc., under study along the translational pipeline

Full details, including the how to submit a proposal, are available here - https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/LSMF/

CCTS SPARK Program
Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

THE UMCCTS SPARK (Small Pilot and Research Knowledge) Program's priorities are to support studies that impact clinical care and research methodologies, support students and trainees, and provide access to funds to generate pilot and preliminary data for external grant submissions.

For more information please see https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/spark-program/

CCTS Small Conference Grants
Application Deadline: Rolling Basis

THE UMCCTS is pleased to offer Small Conference Grants (SCG). This funding facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system.
For more information please see https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/small-conference-grants/
Call for Breakout Session Proposals at the
2018 7th Annual UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Symposium
Friday, March 9, 2018; 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA

Breakout Session Proposals Due: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 5:00 PM

Theme suggestions for Breakout Sessions include: health disparities, underserved populations, patient-centered communication, community clinic partnerships, social media, environmental health, obtaining funding, methods and tools for community engaged research, specific diseases or conditions, prevention, health promotion, implementation and dissemination research.

Please visit this link to view previous sessions.

Please submit your proposal via email to: communityengagement@umassmed.edu with the following information:

- Title of the breakout session
- Name(s) and affiliation of moderator(s)
- List of breakout session presenters with email/phone
- Background and purpose of the breakout session
- Anticipated format, including a description of how you will interact with the audience

Questions? Email Communityengagement@umassmed.edu
For more information, visit our website: www.umassmed.edu/ccts/community

Learning Opportunities
What: K Club 2.0
The UCCTS Research Career & Writing Group (K-Club 2.0) was established in 2007. The group meets every first and third Monday 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.). Faculty receive feedback on CV developments, help on preparing NIH biosketches as well as a wealth of other information.

Where: Dec 4, 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm in room S&-402
More information: www.umassmed.edu/ccts/education/k-club

UMass OTCV Technology Development Fund
Award proposal outline template due December 4, 2017

This fund was 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.

For more information please see: http://otcv.umassp.edu

Mass I-Corps Site
The goal of the I-Corps Site is to help participating institutions accelerate their ability to cultivate entrepreneurial teams in building sustainable businesses and transitioning technologies to marketplace through the application of entrepreneurial startup concepts.

For more information please contact nancy_saucier@uml.edu

Cures Within Reach
Letters of Intent are due December 22, 2017

Cures Within Reach supports repurposing research in mental health
For more information please see: https://app.cureaccelerator.org/rfp/view/74

Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) Physician Scientist Award
Letter of Intent due January 1, 2018

The SPR’s mission is to build a network of multi-disciplinary researchers to improve child health.

For more information please see: https://wwwmed.unc.edu/pediatrics/news/spr-physician-scientist-award-bridging-to-success/
Charles A King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program
Application Deadline: February 9, 2018

The primary goal of the program is to provide fellowships to postdoctoral fellows in Massachusetts to investigate the causes of disease in human beings, and/or improve methods of treatment for human diseases. For more information please see: https://hria.org/

EVENTS

Who: Chau Hoang, MD
What: MSCI Thesis Proposal Presentation
Where: Albert Sherman Center, 9th floor, AS9-2072
When: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Who: Workshop Series presented by Harvard Catalyst Regulatory Foundations, Ethics and Law Program and the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Quality at Duke University School of Medicine

Who: Ming Daniel Shao, Ph.D. Computer and Information Science College of Engineering, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
What: Quantitative Methods Core Methods Seminar “Low-Rank Transfer Learning and Its Applications”
Where: Albert Sherman Center, A59.2072
When: Tuesday December 5, 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm
More information: Tammy Falla, tammy.falla@umassmed.edu

Who: Cammie Lesser, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard, University, Cambridge, MA
What: Bacterial Delivery Systems from Agents of Pathogenesis to Vectors for Novel Therapeutics
Where: Albert Sherman Center, A58-2072
When: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm
More information: Egil Lien, Ph.D., 508-856-5825

What: NIH Pathways to Prevention Workshop.
Where: Natcher Conference Center (Building 45) NIH Main Campus, Bethesda Maryland and via NIH Videocast
When: December 5-6, 2017
For more information: https://www.prevention.nih.gov/p2p-workshop/2017/methods-evaluating-natural-experiments-obesity/about/workshop-background


What: The Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center “Best Practices for the Preparation, Submission, and Maintenance of Sponsor-Investigator INDs and IDEs”.
Where: Gordon Hall, Harvard Medical School, 225 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02215
When: February 14 – 15, 2018
Click here to register: https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6zLA3mGtestf3WKN