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**CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND  
TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Communityengagement@umassmed.edu)

For more information, visit our website: [www.umassmed.edu/ccts/community](http://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](http://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 entrepreneurship 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](mailto: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://www.med.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/>

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# EVENTS

Who: **Chau Hoang, MD**

What: MSCI Thesis Proposal Presentation

Where: Albert Sherman Center, 9<sup>th</sup> 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, AS9.2072

When: Tuesday December 5, 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm

More information: Tammy Falla, [tammy.falla@umassmed.edu](mailto: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, AS8-2072

When: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm

More information: Ejil 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>

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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](https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6zLA3mGtestf3WKN)