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## NEWS & EVENTS

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### PROFILES@UMassMed Is Here!

Multi-disciplinary, multi-institution, collaborative teams are becoming increasingly important in biomedical research. As a result, there have been a number of software programs developed to facilitate scientific collaboration. UMassMed, under the sponsorship of the UMassMed Center for Clinical & Translational Research, has implemented the PROFILES<sup>1</sup> research networking software. This system replaces the faculty web page administration application in place since 2000. [To learn more...](#)

### CVIP Technology Development Fund Winter 2012

The CVIP Technology Development Fund was established by CVIP in the President's Office in 2004 to provide UMass researchers with proof of concept funding to advance previously disclosed University technologies toward commercialization. The Fund is NOT intended to support basic research, but rather to close the gap between the research discovery and proven technology. CVIP is issuing a [call for proposals](#) for the 9th Annual CVIP Technology Development Fund. They intend to fund approximately 8 awards up to \$25,000 per project for direct project expense. The deadline for submission of proposals is, **January 13, 2012**. Applications must be submitted by midnight in order to be considered.

### CCTS Pilot Awards – Important Dates Released for 2011–12

Have a great idea for a research project that could use some pilot funding to get started? The schedule for CCTS pilot projects is now available. This slideshow provides details and dates as well as examples of successful projects.

<http://www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CCTS/News/CCTS%20Seminar%20Nov%208%202011.pdf>

Additional details about the Life Sciences Moment Fund are available here

<http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/lifesciences.aspx>

Additional details about the Pilot Project Program are available here

<http://www.umassmed.edu/CCTS/PPPdescrip.aspx>

### Writing Winning Grants Workshop

**When:** December 15, 2011, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Where:** UMass Lowell, North Campus at Alumni Hall, 84 University Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854

UMass Lowell is hosting a workshop, "Writing Winning Grants" to be conducted by the Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops group. It will feature an overview of grant writing and specific examples for NIH proposals.

**Registration:** If you are interested in attending, please email [Adrianna.Morris@uml.edu](mailto:Adrianna.Morris@uml.edu) by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you are a *UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science member*, mention this in your email to Adrianna for a discount on registration. **Directions:** <http://www.uml.edu/maps/> - Click on Buildings Tab – Choose Alumni Hall

### NIH Announces New Consumer Website on Clinical Trials Participation

Below is a link to a new site the NIH has developed re: clinical trials participation. The site features video-testimonials from both patients and researchers and encourages visitors to register as clinical research volunteers. Visit the new site at: <http://www.nih.gov/health/clinicaltrials/>

### UMass CCTS Seminar Series Continues – Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design

**When:** December 2, 2011, 12 noon – 1:00 pm

**Where:** UMass Medical School Faculty Conference Room

Come hear an update and progress report from Bruce Barton on the Quantitative Methods Core (QMC), including an update on the level of QMC activities since its founding and a progress report on QMC growth and capabilities. Drs. Kiefe and Ash will also provide an update of non-QMC BERD activities. Lunch will be served.

<sup>1</sup> PROFILES (<http://profiles.catalyst.harvard.edu>) is an open source web-based application for research networking and scientific collaboration developed by Harvard Catalyst, the Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center (HCTSA).

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## **Science Shaping our World (SHOW) featuring the Institute for Drug Resistance – Drug Resistance & the Advent of Intelligent Drug Design**

**When:** December 1, 2011, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Where:** TMEC Walter Amphitheater, Harvard Medical School, 260 Longwood Ave, Boston, Massachusetts 02115  
Decembers' SHOW is focused on highlighting the current challenges faced with the growing resistance of pathogens to existing therapeutic drugs. Further, we will highlight the advent of intelligent drug design and development towards obviating drug resistance issues in the future. Our outstanding speaker panel draws from the forefront of research and development spanning both academia and industry. More information at:

<http://www.nature.com/natureevents/science/events/12634->

[Science Shaping Our World SHOW Ongoing Seminar Networking Series Drug Resistance the Advent of Intelligent Drug Design](#)

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## **UMass World AIDS Day**

UMASS Center for AIDS Research - Highlights of the Diversity of HIV Research on campus

**When:** December 1, 2011, Symposium - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (Poster Session: 9:30 am - 11:00 am)

**Where:** S1-342, Faculty Conference Room

Poster Session: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Symposium 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch will be provided. More Info: <http://www.umassmed.edu/cfar>

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## **Pediatric Academic Societies Travel Stipend Opportunity**

This year at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting (in Boston, **April 28 – May 1, 2012**) there will be a special opportunity for investigators conducting clinical and translational lifecourse research.

A CTSA Consortium Child Health Overview Committee (CC-CHOC) review panel will select up to four junior investigators conducting high quality life course research to receive a travel stipend to support their attendance to PAS. They will also be connected with an additional mentor from the CC-CHOC mentorship and present at a meeting the day before the PAS begins (**April 27th**). If you have any questions about CC-CHOC, please contact Dr. Sheri Barkin, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine at 615-322-7080 or [shari.barkin@Vanderbilt.Edu](mailto:shari.barkin@Vanderbilt.Edu). If you have any questions regarding [abstract submissions](#) please contact the PAS Office at 281-419-0052 or [info@pas-meeting.org](mailto:info@pas-meeting.org).

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## **Community Health & Research: Making the Connections Research Symposium**

The First Community Engagement and Research Symposium held November 4<sup>th</sup> drew an enthusiastic audience of 128 participants from across the commonwealth, representing all UMass campuses and a host of community agencies from Worcester and beyond. The day featured State Senator Harriette L. Chandler's call to participation in the Massachusetts Health Prevention Caucus. A poster session provided networking throughout the day. Panel presentations showcased community research partnerships in the Greater Lawrence area, and provided practical advice from Community Health Center leaders from Worcester, Springfield and Fitchburg on the essentials of strong partnerships between community health centers and community researchers. [See photos of the event here.](#)

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