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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2018 Pilot Grant Program for CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder

The Orphan Disease Center (ODC) at the University of Pennsylvania and the Loulou Foundation are pleased to announce the 2018 Pilot Grant Program for CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder (CDD). CDD is a monogenic, orphan condition characterized by treatment-resistant epilepsy and severe cognitive and motor disability. The Loulou Foundation and the ODC will provide a one-year grant for \$150,000.00 (total cost) to support research related to CDD – number of awards may vary.

Eligibility:

All individuals holding a faculty-level appointment at an academic institution or a senior scientific position at a non-profit institution or foundation are eligible to respond to this RFA. All applicants must first submit a letter of Interest (LOI) to be reviewed for consideration of a full application submission. LOIs can be uploaded via this [form](#), also found at :

<http://orphan-disease-center.med.upenn.edu/grant-opportunities/cdkl5-program-of-excellence>

LOIs due by March 8, 2018 at 5pm (EST)



Damon Runyon-Sohn Cancer Fellowship Award

224K Prizes for Scientists and Clinicians

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, the leading charity supporting innovative young cancer researchers, and the Sohn Conference Foundation, dedicated to curing pediatric cancers, partnered to establish the [Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award](#). This award provides funding to basic scientists and clinicians who conduct research with the potential to significantly impact the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of one or more pediatric cancers.

Applicants are not required to be pediatricians or members of pediatric departments; however, the proposed research must have direct relevance to one or more pediatric cancers.

The goal of this Fellowship Award is to recruit the top young minds to research childhood cancers. It leverages the success of the internationally-renowned Damon Runyon Fellowship Award, which has an unparalleled track record for identifying future breakthrough scientists.

Deadline: March 15, 2018



PhRMA Foundation Fellowship in Regulatory Science

\$70K Annual Stipend

[Request for Applications](#)



The PhRMA Foundation funds scientists at critical points in their research careers to support and reward innovation in disciplines essential to the development of safe and effective medicines through our fellowship and grant programs.

Regulatory Science is the science of developing new tools, standards, and approaches to assess the safety, efficacy, quality, and performance of all FDA-regulated products. FDA-regulated products include medical products (i.e., drugs, devices, biologics), food, and tobacco products. This program will support Fellows focusing on medicine and medical products exclusively. The Fellowships include a paid annual stipend of \$70,000

Deadline for applications: April 1, 2018

For more information: www.phrmafoundation.org.

UMass Lowell has been awarded the I-Corps site grant. This allows UMass Lowell's New Venture Department to fund research projects across UMass Lowell, UMass Boston, UMass Medical School, UMass Dartmouth and Middlesex Community College!!

To learn more about the program, please see the I-Corps website following URL and download our pdf flyer:

<https://www.uml.edu/innovation-Entrepreneurship/New-Venture-Initiative/ICORPS/>

To apply, please fill out the online application form: <http://bit.ly/umlcorsapplication>

EVENTS

SAVE-THE-DATE:

7th Annual Community Engagement and Research Symposium

The 7th Annual Community Engagement and Research Symposium is part of the five-campus clinical and translational science movement across the University of Massachusetts. It is sponsored by the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science [Community Engagement and Research](#) component.

March 9, 2018
8:00am - 3:00pm
Albert Sherman Center
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester

The goal of the symposium is to build our shared capacity to address health issues in communities throughout Massachusetts by creating opportunities for people to meet each other, learn more about each other's work and interests, and make connections and plan for future collaborative work.

Audience: Community leaders, faculty and staff from all 5 UMass campuses and other organizations and institutions interested in partnered research.

Registration Deadline is February 16, 2018.

**Boston University
Interdisciplinary
Biomedical Research Office
(IBRO)**

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Creating & Connecting
Research**

*Presents
BU Technology Wonders: Potential Biomedical Applications*

Date: March 28th, 2018
Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: Room x714, Evans Biomedical Research Center, 650 Albany Street

Address inquiries to Dr. Katya Ravid via Robin MacDonald at: remac@bu.edu

**Cancer Biology Program Research Retreat
to be held at the
Hogan Campus Center at the College of the Holy Cross**

Monday, April 2, 2018

**Keynote Speaker
William Sellers, M.D.**

Broad Institute, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

* Please Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/umms-cancer-biology-program-research-retreat-tickets-42440453539>

SAVE-THE-DATE:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 1:30 pm Faculty Conference Room

An afternoon to celebrate The Diabetes Center Excellence and its people. UMass has for years been and remains a leading institution for diabetes research and care. Clearly, the force driving that excellence is its people.

Keynote Speaker: Jeffrey Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Rockefeller University, Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

The event will also include a poster session, prizes and research/care awards. More information to follow shortly.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

For your reference and information, PDFs of the five Skills Series workshop presentations in Scholarly Publishing and Communication offered throughout this past fall are now available online at: https://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/research/scholcomm_skills_series.

They cover:

- Finding and Evaluating Journals
- Working with NCBI
- Sharing Your Research
- Identity Management with ORCID and Other Tools
- Keeping Track of Your Impact

NIH CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH COURSE FOR PhD STUDENTS:

The NIH is hosting a free Clinical and Translational Research Course for PhD Students July 9-20, 2018, at the NIH main campus in Bethesda, MD. Students will learn the process of clinical and translational research from concept to implementation. The application deadline is Friday, March 30, 2018, 5:00 PM EDT.

For more information, please email phdcourse@cc.nih.gov.

FDA Voice Blog:

Bringing Early Feasibility Studies for Medical Devices Back to the United States

Ten years ago, when medical device manufacturers wanted to gain early clinical experience with their new devices they often went overseas to conduct first-in-human or small clinical studies. Moving a device from

bench to bedside for use in patients is a critical step along the development path. However, going overseas delayed access to potentially beneficial devices for American physicians and patients.

Today, FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) has an Early Feasibility Studies Program (EFS) that provides a route for innovators, sponsors, FDA review teams, and clinicians to work together to facilitate the early clinical evaluation of medical devices in the United States under the investigational device exemption (IDE) regulations.

An EFS is a limited clinical study on a device early in its development, typically before the device design has been finalized, for a specific indication. It may be used to evaluate the device design concept with respect to initial clinical safety and device functionality. The EFS Program includes enhanced opportunities for collaboration, increased regulatory flexibility, and consideration of benefit-risk principles, while maintaining appropriate patient protection measures.

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