



CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

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We hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. Also, be sure to check out our website at: <https://umassmed.edu/ccts>

*****FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES*****

CCTS PPP

LOI deadline: September 14th, 5PM

Individual project awards (up to \$50,000 for 1 year) will be made on a competitive basis. The Principal Investigator must be a UMMS Worcester faculty member, but collaborations with faculty on any UMASS campus are encouraged. You are welcome to have external or internal collaborators, but this is not a requirement.

For more information visit <https://umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/PPP/>

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: <https://www.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: <https://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/funding/small-conference-grants/>

In Good Company: the 2018 Optimal Aging Challenge

Application Deadline: September 28th

In Good Company: the 2018 Optimal Aging Challenge, is a global innovation challenge focused on identifying breakthrough ideas, products or services to alleviate isolation and loneliness among older adults. The Challenge will continue through September 28, and winners chosen in December.

Visit the challenge website at <http://bit.ly/InGoodCompanyChallenge> for additional information.

DRIVE's EZ-BAA application process is now open for business!

Calling all medical product developers, research teams, and companies! Those offering disruptive innovative approaches that will transform health security threats are now invited to submit abstracts using DRIVE's simplified EZ-BAA process.

Applications must offer transformative innovation, products, and technologies to protect Americans from health security threats.

In-scope priority areas include:

- Products and solutions to reduce illness and death from sepsis as part of DRIVE's Solving Sepsis Initiative
- Technologies and processes to identify infections and exposures to biological and other health threats, as outlined in the Early Notification to Act, Control, and Treat (ENACT) initiative
- Tools and techniques to mitigate the damages and loss of life associated with catastrophic events

[Download the application and learn about next steps here.](#)

Learn more about the DRIVE EZ-BAA [review criteria](#).

Have questions or looking for more information? Contact DRIVEContracting@hhs.gov

*****EDUCATION*****

I-Corps Program

APPLY NOW! Application Deadline September 17, 2018.

Does your latest discovery have commercial value? Would a potential "customer" of your research welcome your technology, protocol, or intervention?

The **I-Corps Program at the UMCCTS** is designed to support the translation of biomedical research by providing early-stage education and strategic guidance to faculty, staff and students during the ideation phase of technology development.

Course starts on October 23, 2018. For more information: <https://umassmed.edu/ccts/education/i-corps-program-at-the-umccts/>

Questions? Contact Nate Hafer at Nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu

K Club 2.0

The CCTS Research Career & Writing Group (K-Club 2.0) meets every first and third Wednesday to provide information and feedback on Research Career Award applications (NIH K Awards, VA Research Career Awards, CTSA K12 grants, etc.). Participants receive feedback on their biosketch, training plans, research plan, specific aims, and a wealth of other information.

Where: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:00pm - 5:00pm in ASC5-2072

More information: <https://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/education/k-club>

*****EVENTS*****

UMMS-Baystate Celebration of Research and Academic Innovation

Please join us for our annual daylong Celebration of Research and Academic Innovation on September 12th, 2018. This year our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. David Asch, MD, MBA, Executive Director of the Penn Medicine Center for Health Care Innovation & Professor of Health Care Management, the Wharton School. He will present Behavioral Economics: Understanding how patients & physicians make medical choices in clinical,

financial, and ethically charged settings” at Grand Rounds (8:00 am in Chestnut 1A/B) and also give a noon-time lecture (Chestnut 5).

In addition for an opportunity to “Meet the Professor” (Dr. Asch), there will be symposia and workshops on a variety of topics throughout the day with the goal of promoting research among Baystate faculty and staff. From 9:00am to 6:00 pm posters will be available for viewing in the Health Sciences Library, Chestnut Conference Center.

Questions? Contact Susan Decelle, Susan.Decelle@baystatehealth.org

NCATS Day 2018

Registration is now open for NCATS Day 2018: Engaging Patients and Communities for Smarter Science on Sept. 28, 2018 from 8:30-5 on the NIH main campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

The purpose of the event is to provide a forum to share and reflect upon patient and community needs — as well as best practices in addressing those needs — so that NCATS can best shape its research priorities, programs and initiatives.

Patients and patient advocates, caregivers, community partners, community health engagement professionals, clinical and translational researchers, and others are urged to attend to share and discuss ways to overcome translational research challenges and leverage opportunities through effective patient and community engagement. Participants will learn strategies to broaden participation in research and to incorporate diverse patient and community input into their work.

Admission is complimentary, but space is limited, so be sure to register early.

[View the tentative agenda](#)

[Learn more about the event](#)

[Register now](#)

*****DID YOU KNOW?*****

CTSA Program hubs collaborate to help researchers navigate regulatory environment

Three North Carolina Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program hubs have collaborated to create a platform for sharing regulatory expertise and best practices. The Regulatory Guidance for Academic Research of Drugs and Devices (ReGARDD) Program provides researchers with regulatory guidance,

education, and consultative support, to ultimately help them move promising products and novel discoveries to clinical trials.

ReGARDD, which is coordinated by the hubs at Duke University, the Wake Forest School of Medicine, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) with partner RTI International, officially launched in 2015 and has been developing since. The program builds upon the existing services and knowledge of the North Carolina CTSA Program Regulatory Groups and the Research Triangle Park (RTP).

[READ THE FULL STORY.](#)

[Visit the ReGARDD Program website.](#)

National Center for Data to Health (CD2H)

The goal of CD2H is to make data more meaningful, open, and accessible. The CD2H supports a vibrant and evolving collaborative informatics ecosystem for the CTSA Program and beyond. The CD2H harnesses and expands an ecosystem for translational scientists to discover and share their software, data, and other research resources within the CTSA Program network. The CD2H also creates a social coding environment for translational science institutions, leveraging the community-driven DREAM challenges as a mechanism to stimulate innovation.

The CD2H homepage is here: <https://ctsa.ncats.nih.gov/cd2h/>

To sign up for their mailing list visit: <https://nih.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=71a7d6465fe8d21880b224d23&id=73804c2f34>

*****SHARE YOUR SUCCESS!*****

Have you had research published that cites the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science? Has a patent been filed on technology developed using Center funding or resources? Did your pilot project receive external grant funding? Share it with us at ccts@umassmed.edu. Sharing your successes helps show the importance and the effect of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at UMass.

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