Philanthropic donations totaling $435,000 have been raised to support the Vaccine Corps launched by UMass Medical School, the statewide initiative to recruit and deploy volunteers to accelerate the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Massachusetts. The Vaccine Corps began with Medical School faculty and students supporting the equitable distribution of vaccine to vulnerable populations and has been expanded in partnership with Commonwealth Medicine, the consulting and operations division of UMass Medical School.
IN THE NEWS

More than 1,800 volunteers have registered through the Vaccine Corps to volunteer at vaccination sites in a variety of roles. Trained and licensed volunteers and medical and nursing students are eligible to administer vaccines and perform other clinical duties. Unlicensed individuals and community members are eligible to volunteer for administrative roles such as greeters and customer service assistants. Additional volunteers are welcome and encouraged to register for the Vaccine Corps by visiting www.commed.umassmed.edu.

FULL ARTICLE

EVENTS

WEBINAR NCBI MINUTE: CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE WAY YOU LOG INTO YOUR NCBI ACCOUNT

MARCH 3, 2021

You may have heard that changes are coming for those of you who sign in directly to NCBI to access the information in your NCBI account. After June 1, 2021 you will need to log in using your institution, social media, Google, Microsoft or login.gov account username and password. In this webinar, we will show you how to register for a free login.gov account and how to link this to an existing NCBI account. Also, we’ll show you where to find the most up-to-date information and FAQs on this topic and answer a few questions from our mail bag. If you would like to submit a question, please send an Email to at info@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov with the subject line “Changes to my NCBI Log In” by February 24th. Register here.
EVENTS

PROJECTS IN PROCESS SEMINAR SERIES (PIPSS)
FRIDAYS MARCH 5TH TO JUNE 11TH 2021

We cordially invite you to attend the virtual Projects in Process Seminar Series (PiPSS) taking place on Friday afternoons from 11 AM to 12 PM. The series will feature presentations from our TL1, Millennium, MSCI and KL2 scholars on their various research projects.

Zoom Link for Attendees:
https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/98699860149?pwd=MWlyanlueDBBR05MNE90azRIZHVWUT09

Contact Melissa Corash at Melissa.BrewerCorash@umassmed.edu for further details.

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Mayuko Ito Fukunaga- Implementation of high-quality lung cancer screenings using health informatics.

ANALYTICS WITHOUT BORDERS
MARCH 26, 2021

Registration is OPEN now. Join us virtually on Mar26th (Friday), 2021 hosted by Bentley University for the 6th Analytics without Borders conference. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will host this conference virtually. This conference is a forum for all ways of analytics life to present and discuss analytics work, be it from corporate institutions, academia, government organizations etc.
EVENTS

UMCCTS COVID-19 MINI-SYMPOSIUM
APRIL 9, 2021
NEW TIME- 9:00 AM- 12:30 PM

We cordially invite you to attend the COVID-19 Research Mini-Symposium, April 9, 2021 from 9am-12:30pm. This program will be virtual, so please look for more announcements soon.

This symposium will feature talks from UMMS faculty including Robert Finberg, MD, Anastasia Khvorova, PhD, Jeremy Luban, MD as well as a selection of the grantees supported by the COVID19 Pandemic Research Fund, the CTSA and the Worcester Foundation.

Zoom Link for Attendees:
https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/97976710225?pwd=OXkwL2NXbmNpMkIWBVcRk5oM20zZz09

Please contact Kate Fitzgerald at kate.fitzgerald@umassmed.edu for further details.

FUNDING

THE CENTER FOR ADVANCING POINT OF CARE TECHNOLOGIES (CAPCaT) 2021 PILOT FUNDING: DUE MARCH 1, 2021 BY 5 PM

The Center for Advancing Point of Care Technologies (CAPCaT) is excited to share the news that our 2021 Pilot Funding Competition has opened! Our grant awards are for up to $100,000 of direct costs (+ indirect costs) over one year. Visit the Solicitations page on our website for more information https://cimit.net/web/capcat/solicitations.

CAPCaT is a UMass Medical School/UMass Lowell joint project funded by the National Institutes of Health and is specifically established to advance point of care technologies (POCT) for heart, blood, lung and sleep disorders. For more information about us, please visit our website, https://cimit.net/web/capcat/home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CAPCaT’s project coordinator, anne.davenport@umassmed.edu.

CURES WITHIN REACH- CURE ACCELERATOR LIVE!:
DUE MARCH 17, 2021

CureAccelerator Live! for Pediatric Rare Diseases: up to $50,000 for a repurposing clinical trial in any pediatric rare disease. Proposal submissions due March 17, 2021. For more information visit: https://www.cureswithinreach.org/programs/funding-opportunities-rfps/
Tools & Applications

RedCap is a user friendly tool for building online surveys and databases which is utilized most often in the field of clinical research.

There is a self-paced REDCap online training wiki available for REDCap users.

Request a REDCap account by clicking here.
Request REDCap support by creating a ticket here.

The DL&I Incubator team is pleased to announce the launch of Training Opportunities To Augment Learning (TOTAL), a digital app that allows biomedical trainees to attend career and professional development events held at Boston University and eight Boston-based partner institutions. Click here to read more.

Job Posting

Postdoctoral Fellow, UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) & The Business Development & Innovation Office (BDI)

We are seeking to hire a postdoctoral fellow to join our efforts in developing, managing, and translating the institution’s research portfolio. This is a full-time training position intended to prepare a scientist interested in moving into business development, intellectual property, preclinical therapeutic development, academic administration, policy, or similar career paths. The postdoctoral fellow will contribute to or be responsible for a range of projects within the UMCCTS related to our NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant. The individual will report to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Business Development and work closely with the staff of both offices. https://www.ummsjobs.com/job/5738/
EDUCATION

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING IN CANCER PREVENTION & CONTROL

The NCI-funded PRACCTIS program (Prevention and Control of Cancer: Training for Change in Individuals and Systems) at UMMS is now accepting applications for postdoctoral scholars to start January 2021 and August 2021. We train independent researchers to address critical prevention and control care delivery issues across the cancer continuum, including primary prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship, with emphasis on promoting change in individuals, providers and systems. Our faculty mentors are leaders in implementation science, health equity and low resource settings, health behavior change, health informatics, systems change and health policy, health communications, population health sciences, and prevention and intervention research. Applicants must plan to pursue an independent research career focused on cancer prevention and control, have earned a doctoral degree (PhD, ScD, MD, DO, etc.), and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. For more information contact Barbara Estabrook, Barbara.estabrook@umasmed.edu

RESEARCH WITH SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITY POPULATIONS

Tufts CTSI Clinical Research Network is hosting the “Research with Sexual and Gender Minority Populations” training module which will be led by Tania D. Strout, PhD, RN, MS from Maine Medical Center. Please register at: https://ilearn.tuftsctsi.org/product?catalog=ST109_2019_Online

CITE & SUBMIT

Please cite the NIH CTSA award any time you use The UMMS Center for Clinical and Translational Science resources, services and facilities or received funding through the Center. “The project described is supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, National Institutes of Health, through Grant UL1 TR001453, (or TL1 TR001454, or KL2 TR001455, as appropriate). The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the NIH.”
SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY!
Have you had your research published that cites the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science? Has your 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 success demonstrates the importance and effect of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at UMass.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS
To be included in the CCTS Monthly Newsletter, please send announcements, including a link, to ccts@umassmed.edu. The newsletter is published the first week of each month.

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