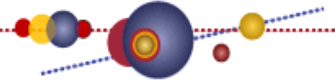


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News and Events **December 2012**
From the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science

**UMass CCTS 2012/2013 Pilot Project Program (PPP) ~ FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT
 REQUEST FOR LETTERS of INTENT**

Dr. Katherine Luzuriaga, Director, UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS), announces the UMCCTS 2012/2013 Pilot Project Program (PPP) request for Letters of Intent.

Please go to the UMCCTS website, http://www.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/CTS/Research/PPP_RFA_2012_2013.pdf to review the full RFA solicitation with **submission details and eligibility.**

Tentative Timeline:

Letters of Intent Due	Friday, December 14, 2012
Full Proposals Due	Friday, February 8, 2013
Project Start Date	Monday, April 1, 2013

The Principal Investigator must be a UMMS faculty member, but collaborations with faculty on any UMass campus are encouraged. You must also be a member of UMCCTS – membership is free and easy to apply online at: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/signup.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Nate Hafer, UMCCTS Director of Operations at nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu

**UMass CVIP Technology Development Fund
 Winter FY2013**

CVIP is pleased to announce the **10th Annual solicitation for the CVIP Technology Development Fund**. The purpose of the Fund is to assist faculty and the CVIP offices with the commercialization of important technologies discovered on our campuses.

CVIP will grant to selected UMass researchers **an award not to exceed \$25,000 in any one fiscal year** for the continued development of technology; **8 awards are anticipated.**

Due date for all proposals is: January 15, 2013.

Please go to the CVIP website for complete information, eligibility and application details:
http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1100584352356-504/CVIP_Tech_Dev_Fund_2013_announcement.pdf

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

Sponsored by the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science, Office of Faculty Affairs and the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences

In today's competitive funding environment, quality grant writing and experimental design skills are more important than ever. Please join us for the final three-part series:

Session #3 - Writing a Full Proposal

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

12:00 - 1:00 PM

S7-436 Conference Room

Presentation by Dr. Rob Milner, Associate Vice Provost for Professional Development and Professor of Neurology.

Please RSVP to Wanda.DePasquale@umassmed.edu by December 5.

Translational Science 2013 Conference: *Increasing the Value of your Research Through Team Science*

April 17-19, 2013

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

For more information, visit the website at: www.translationalsciencemeeting.org

UMass Health Informatics Network

The UMass Health Informatics Network is a group of researchers affiliated with the University of Massachusetts that are building a network across campuses for health informatics research collaboration. Health informatics is a broad area of inquiry that incorporates the design and optimization of information systems that support clinical practice, public health and research. It uses technology to better educate and improve decision-making for healthcare providers, researchers and consumers.

The network assists its members by helping connect people of similar or complementary interests; and helping researchers be aware of existing connections with other universities, industries, and funding sources.

If you would like to be part of the health informatics network, email the following information to barrett.phillips@umassmed.edu.

- Your position and contact information
- Particular settings you are focused on
- Behaviors/content areas
- Technologies you prefer
- Theories/Therapeutic approaches
- Academic partners
- Industry partners

- Non-federal funding sources

We hope that this network will increase informatics collaboration within the vast UMass system. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions.

**Massachusetts Life Sciences Center
Cooperative Research Matching Grant Program – Round 3**

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center has launched the third-round of the Cooperative Research Matching Grant Program, which is designed to promote industry-academic research collaborations, support translational research and accelerate the commercialization of promising products, and services.

Not-for-profit research institutions are eligible to apply for grant funding of up to \$250,000 per year over 2 years, provided that they have secured an industry sponsor for the research which will match funds on a 1:1 basis.

Applicants will be required to clearly identify the opportunity or value proposition for collaborating with the industry sponsor. Proposals should clearly articulate:

- The problem to be solved;
- The benefits of solving this problem;
- The differences between what is currently available on the market and what this partnership is likely to yield in terms of improved health outcomes, cost efficiencies, enhanced delivery of services, etc.
- The project work plan;
- How responsibility for project completion is shared between the industry and academic partner(s).

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 28, 2013 at Noon EST.

For more information, and to apply, please visit:

www.masslifesciences.com/grants/coop.html

If you have questions about the program after you have reviewed the materials on the website, please Email: coopres@masslifesciences.com

***M2D2 and Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council (MassMEDIC) presents:
Medical Device Design and Business Development for Entrepreneurs Course***

January 29, 2013 to March 19, 2013

6:00 – 8:30 PM

This class will be held every Tuesday night of each week for 8 weeks.

**Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center
600 Suffolk Street
Wannalancit Mills Business Center, 2nd Floor
Lowell, MA 01854**

Course Purpose:

- To provide aspiring entrepreneurs with a valuable toolbox of concepts, and networks for advancing their medical device design and development processes.
- This course will be taught by distinguished faculty and staff of M2D2 and the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Worcester Campuses.

To REGISTER:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6ee2opn49282cd8&llr=9q7bghcab>

For questions contact:

Stephen P. McCarthy, M2D2

m2d2@uml.edu

978-934-3499

Clinical Research “Ask the Expert” Brown Bag Lunch Series

“Frontiers in Conquering Heart and Vascular Disease”

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

12:00-12:30 PM

Conquering Diseases Community Resource Center

1st Floor, Ambulatory Care Center

UMMS – Worcester Campus

Robert A. Philips, MD, PhD, FACC, FAHA

Senior Vice President, UMass Memorial Medical Center

Director, UMass Memorial Heart & Vascular Center of Excellence

Professor of Medicine, UMass Medical School

Patients and families welcome

CTSA CC-CHOC PEDIATRIC POINT PERSON PROJECT (P4)

The Point Person Project is an initiative of the CTSA Consortium Child Health Oversight Committee (CC-CHOC) to assemble a framework that will enable rapid response to multi-site child health clinical trial opportunities. The cornerstone of this proposal will be the Point Person, designated by the CTSA institution to review and respond to child health collaborative opportunities brought to the attention of the CTSA Consortium and communicated through the CTSA Consortium Coordinating Center (C4). **The UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science Point Person is Mary Lee, MD.** The designated Point Person at each CTSA site will review and respond to child health collaborative opportunities and function as a navigator, directing trial opportunities to investigators with appropriate expertise and interest. This allows investigators or industry to quickly and efficiently recruit experts for protocol development and site participation. Potential participants can then participate in a teleconference to learn and contribute to the project. This is a very effective project in assisting investigators in identifying clinical sites for their studies,

improving protocol design, streamlining processes through the use of standardized CDAs and contract template and utilizing single IRB models.

To download a PDF copy of the entire CTSA CC-CHOC Pediatric Point Person announcement, go to:

http://www.umassmed.edu/Research/Pediatrics_CC-CHOC.aspx

For more information please contact Mary.Lee@umassmed.edu or visit:

CTSA Pediatric Point Person Project (P4) home page:

<http://www.ctsacentral.org/editor/index.php?wg=ws340>

CTSA Pediatric Clinical Trials Protocol:

https://www.ctsacentral.org/editor/index.php?wg=ws340&doc_id=711

CVIP UMass Startup Initiative

The Office of Commercial Ventures and Intellectual Property (CVIP) in the President's Office has instituted the **UMass Startup Initiative (UMSI)** to foster the creation of startups at UMass. This program augments other funding initiatives which currently include the CVIP Technology Development Award and the UMass Co-Investment Equity Fund. **The UMSI will make five thousand dollar (\$5,000) grants available to the UMass campuses to prepare business plans that address the commercial potential of inventions disclosed to CVIP.** The business plan will be prepared by an external consultant with relevant commercial experience working closely with the key investigator of the disclosed invention. CVIP will assist with the selection of the consultant. The business plans will be used by CVIP to determine the feasibility of a startup and after that determination CVIP will assist in seeking management and then investment for the new companies. Initially the awards will be available on a request basis. All applicants will be asked to submit a brief application describing the technology, its commercial application and the rationale for creating a startup. Selection of the awardees will be made by CVIP with the assistance of an external advisory group. **For full details and application instructions please contact Dr. Bill Rosenberg, Executive Director CVIP at wrosenberg@umassp.edu or Nate Hafer at nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu**

NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement - PAR-13-029

Opportunities for Collaborative Research at the NIH Clinical Center (U01)

Click on link below for the full announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-029.html>

Please remember to cite the UMCCTS grant UL1RR031982 and UL1TR000161 in all journal publications.
