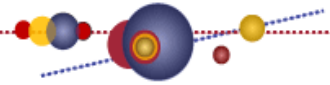


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News and Events February 2013  
From the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science

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**~HOLD THE DATE~**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS)  
Research Retreat**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
Albert Sherman Center  
University of Massachusetts Medical School-Worcester Campus**

**Keynote Speaker: Paul M. Ridker, MD**  
Director, Center for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention  
Eugene Braunwald Professor of Medicine  
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

**More information will be available in the coming months...**

Stay informed at our UMCCTS website: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts>

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***REQUEST for MINI SYMPOSIA PROPOSALS***

***Request for Mini Symposia proposals at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science Research Retreat (see above)***

***Proposals are due on: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 by 5:00 PM (EST) to***  
[wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu](mailto:wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu)

***Full instructions for Mini Symposia Proposals at:***  
<http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/minisymposia2013/index.aspx>

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***~FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS~***

- 1. University of Massachusetts Life Science Moment Fund 2013.** The University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science is pleased to announce a funding call for the UMass Life Science Moment Fund (LSMF) 2013. The UMass LSMF supports projects that are inter-campus in orientation and directed towards life sciences projects related to clinical and translational research. Current and future projects supported by this fund are envisioned to advance the therapeutic, device, intervention, etc., under study along the translational pipeline. This fund serves to spur inter-campus collaboration, and strengthen the University's research portfolio in clinical and translational research. To support this mission, project must include at least one investigator from the UMass Worcester campus and a collaborator from at least one of the other UMass campuses. By providing seed funding to outstanding faculty members, this fund facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system, thereby leveraging the considerable expertise and resources

that exist on the individual campuses. It is assumed that successful projects will attract additional funding from extramural sources.

New this year, the LSMF will be coordinated more closely with the UMass President's Office Science and Technology (S&T) Initiatives Fund.

Applicants interested in the S&T Initiatives Fund can read the full funding announcement here:

<http://www.massachusetts.edu/aasair/stappreviewprocess.html>

**Letters of Intent due: Friday, March 1, 2013 by 5:00 PM (EST) to**  
[wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu](mailto:wanda.depasquale@umassmed.edu)

**Please click on web link for complete UMass LSMF information and eligibility**  
<http://www.umassmed.edu/CCTS/Research/grantopps.aspx>

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***UMass Bioinformatics Core Seminar***

***Cheap RNASeq: Computational Pipeline for End-sequence Expression Quantification***  
***Sabah Kadri, PhD***  
***Broad Institute***

***Evolution of Large Intergenic Non-coding RNAs in Mammals***  
***Jenny Chen, PhD***  
***MIT***

***February 8, 2013***  
***11:00 am - 12:00 pm***  
***S2-310***

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***On Behalf of the Department of Quantitative Health Sciences and  
the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences***

***How to Avoid Some Common Graphical Mistakes***

**Naomi B. Robbins, PhD, MA, AB**  
**February 13, 2013**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**  
**Faculty Conference Room - University Worcester campus**

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***On Behalf of the Department of Psychiatry Career Development and Research Office, the Office  
of Faculty Affairs, and the UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences***

***Neuroscience, Ethics, and the Challenges of Starting and Stopping Clinical Trials***

**Judy Illes, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS**  
**February 14, 2013**  
**1:00-2:00 PM**  
**Amphitheater I - University Worcester campus**

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**Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Venture Competition**

*Sponsored by Nutter McClennen & Fish, LPP*

M2D2 is hosting a medical device startup competition that will find Massachusetts' best new medical device ventures – and award thousands of dollars' worth of services for product development.

**Please go to the M2D2 website for registration, complete information, eligibility and application details:**

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6uxdf07e48a4ab3&llr=9q7bghcab>

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**2013 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the  
Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty**

*Sponsored by the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE)*

The annual Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty recognizes a faculty member who is pre-tenure at tenure-granting campuses or early career (i.e., within the first six years) at campuses with long-term contracts and who connects his or her teaching, research, and service to community engagement.

Nominators will submit nominations via an online application. **To submit an application and for additional information, please go to the website:**

[http://nerche.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1102](http://nerche.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1102)

Application Deadline: **Friday, April 26, 2013, at 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**

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**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.**

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

**For more information, and to apply, please visit:**

[www.masslifesciences.com/grants/coop.html](http://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](mailto:coopres@masslifesciences.com)

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### **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](mailto:wrosenberg@umassp.edu) or Nate Hafer at [nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu](mailto:nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu)**

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### **Harvard Catalyst – Biomarker Course** *Understanding Biomarker Science* *From Molecules to Images*

**March 18-20, 2013**  
**Larsen Hall, Harvard SGE**  
**15 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA**

**Apply by: January 18, 2013 at: <http://catalyst.harvard.edu/services/biomarkers/>**

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### **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](http://www.translationalsciencemeeting.org)

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### **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](mailto: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.

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### **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](http://www.umassmed.edu/Research/Pediatrics_CC-CHOC.aspx)

**For more information please contact [mary.lee@umassmemorial.org](mailto:mary.lee@umassmemorial.org) or visit:**

**CTSA Pediatric Point Person Project (P4) home page:**

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

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### **NIH Funding Opportunity Announcements**

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

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

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*Please remember to cite the CTSA Grant UL1TR000161 in all journal publications.*

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