Did You Know?
CCTS Director Dr. Robert P. Kimberly has received the 2017 Friend of Pharmacy Award from CCTS Partner Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy. In accepting the honor, Dr. Kimberly said, "By coming together to build research teams, sharpen our science, and innovate through discovery, we are able to translate our research to advance our collective mission in ways that were previously not possible. It is an honor to be able to contribute to this partnership effort, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity. I look forward to our next steps together." More

News/Announcements

New CCTS Kaizen Game Launches on May 1st - Register Today!
Have fun while fulfilling an NIH requirement for formal training in scientific rigor and reproducibility! CCTS has made certification enjoyable for all federally funded trainees with this web-based game built on a Kaizen platform. Players from CCTS Partner institutions welcome. More

CCTS Bioethics Symposium Explores Concerns in Era of Precision Medicine
The CCTS Bioethics Symposium, held in Mobile on March 23rd, provided an opportunity for investigators, community partners, and research administrators to develop a deeper awareness of sensitive ethical issues in genetics and genomics-based research projects. More

Our Patients are Waiting! Public-Private Partnerships to Bring New Treatments to Patients
Mark your calendar for May 3rd, when Dr. Scott J. Weir, Director, Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation, and Translational Research Professor, University of Kansas Medical Center, will present the final Innovating in Healthcare topic at our May CCTS Forum. More

CCTS Connects at UAB Mentoring/Graduate Appreciation Week
Graduate students had the opportunity to chat with CCTS staff and experts who presented posters at this annual event. CCTS offers numerous mentoring resources, including trainings, assistance with Individual Development Plans (IDPs), and a monthly
mentoring lunch that takes place the first Friday of every month. More

Funding Opportunities

UAB CCVS and I3 Steering Committees to Fund Pilot Projects
UAB Comprehensive Cardiovascular Center (CCVS) and the Inflammation, Infection and Immunity (I3) steering committees are requesting applications to fund one or more pilot projects that focus on inflammation, infection or immunity in the context of cardiovascular disease research. Letter of Intent due April 15, 5pm CT. More

Centers for Therapeutic Innovation (CTI) Call for Proposals
Pfizer's CTI bridges the gap between early scientific discovery and its translation into new medicines through public-private resource sharing. This opportunity supports research projects that fall within the following therapeutic areas: oncology, inflammation and immune disorders, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, neuroscience, and rare monogenic genetic diseases. Deadline is April 21. More

Center for Genomic Medicine Request for Applications 2017
This new granting program will offer 1-2 year awards of $75,000-$100,000 for development of systems and/or diseases oriented working groups, e.g. "Neuroscience," "Cardiovascular Diseases," "Autoimmunity," that will create research projects integrating genetics/genomics. Letter of intent due May 29. More

NIH Announces Funding to Advance Science of Geriatric Palliative Care
NIH's Research Project Grant (PA-17-225) and Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (PA-17-226) FOAs seek studies in a variety of settings including hospitals, out patient clinics, and patient homes.

NIH Translational Research Grants in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics
This funding opportunity supports (1) pharmacological studies addressing the changes in drug disposition and response among children at various developmental stages, between children and adults, and in women during pregnancy and lactation; (2) new drug development targeting children and pregnant women. Letter of Intent due July 7, 5:00pm local time. More

Next Week's Learning Opportunities

The Digital Education Disruption
Mark your calendar, we will hear from Dr. Anant Agarwal, CEO of edX, an online learning destination founded by Harvard and MIT. Agarwal taught the first edX course on circuits and electronics from MIT, which drew 155,000 students from 162
 countries. Registration required.

April 17 | 9-10am | Edge of Chaos - Lister Hill Library | More

'Omics Challenge Symposium 2017
This year's symposium hosted by Agilent Technologies will be held at the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University. The 'Omics Challenge is an overview of applications and tools used in life science research. Register here.

April 18 | 9:30am-2pm | Auburn University | More

ADDA Lecture Series
The next lecture will feature Dr. Ed Acosta, Director of Pharmacometrics at UAB, who will discuss "Pharmacokinetics and ADME." GoToMeeting accessible.

April 18 | noon-1pm | PCAMS | More

Bioinformatics Power Talk
The next power talk will feature Alexander Dr. Stepanov, Research Associate, Pharmacology/Toxicology Department, UAB, who will discuss "Neural Networks for Everyone with Keras."

April 19 | 10-11am | Shelby Rm 318 | More

CCTS Drop-In Clinics
Join us for the third Wednesday Drop-In Clinic for consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD), ClinicalTrials.gov Requirements and Institutional Review Board (IRB). No appointment necessary. Please bring your laptop and study related questions.

April 19 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Seminar
This week's seminar has been cancelled. Stay turned for the next seminar on Wednesday, May 3.

ACTS Translational Science 2017
Join more than 900 trainees, researchers, and federal program officers to learn the latest science and explore new opportunities for collaboration at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) annual meeting.

April 19-21 | Washington, D.C. | More

Civitan International / Simpson-Ramsey Neurodevelopment Symposium
Researchers will discuss recent progress and a panel of experts in the fields of genetics, animal models of developmental
disorders, brain imaging and clinical practice will present their research findings. Register here. A poster session will also be held at the Edge of Chaos from 3:30-5:30pm.

April 20 | 8am-3pm | Hill Center | More

CCTS Research Seminar Series
Penny Jester and Whitney Pollio will present "Protocol Deviations: How They Can Work for You." Earn AMA PRA Category 1 CME credit. GoToMeeting accessible.

April 20 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | More

Upcoming Events

ADDA Lecture Series: Preclinical Toxicology
April 25 | noon-1pm | PCAMS

Baylor College of Medicine: Data Sharing in Clinical Trials
April 26 | 7am | Webinar

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Research Orientation Program
Registration required
April 27 | 12-1pm | PCAMS

LSU Health Sciences Center Rare Disease Seminar
April 28 | noon-1pm | LA Cancer Research Center

ADDA Lecture Series: Clinical Trials
May 2 | noon-1pm | PCAMS

UAB Translational Bioinformatics Mini-Symposium: Forging New Bioinformatics Collaborations
May 3 | 12-4:30pm | The Edge of Chaos - Lister Hill Library

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Seminar
May 3 | 3-4pm | Finley Conference Center

CCTS Forum: Our Patients are Waiting! Public-Private Partnership to Bring New Treatments to Patients
May 3 | 4:45-6pm | PCAMS

UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium
Registration required
May 3 | DoubleTree by Hilton Birmingham

Spring 2017 Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration
May 3-5 | New Orleans, LA

8th Annual Methods Seminar in Outcomes Research: Health Systems and Implementation
Registration required
May 4 | 8am-12pm | Edge of Chaos - Lister Hill Library

Research Methods and Secondary Data Analysis Seminar Series
May 4 | 11:45am-1:15pm | MT 634

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
May 4 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
May 16 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
June 1 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Symposium
Registration required
May 8 | 10am-6pm | Huntsville, AL

ADDA Lecture Series: What is a Valid and Druggable Target?
May 9 | noon-1pm | PCAMS

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Bioethics Seminar Series
May 10 | 3-4pm | Finley Conference Center

Computational Genomics: An Advanced Level Immersion Course for Investigators at UAB
Registration required
May 15-18 | 8:30am-12:30pm | Finley Conference Center

I-Corps™ South Spring Regional Training Informational Webinar
May 15 | 12-1pm | Webinar

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Seminar
May 17 | 3-4pm | Finley Conference Center

I-Corps™ South Spring Regional Training Kickoff
Registration required
June 6 | 8am-4:30pm | UAB

2017 Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference
June 9 | Georgia Aquarium | Atlanta, GA

I-Corps™ South Spring Regional Training Finale
June 27 | 8am-4:30pm | UAB

UAB & Auburn Brain Imaging Retreat
July 21-22 | Cheaha State Park | Alabama

This is Engagement: Best Practices in Community-Engaged Scholarship
Registration required
Sept. 24-27 | Birmingham, AL

Complete listing of CCTS events