Did You Know?
NCATS has announced an exciting new collaborative funding opportunity in support of translational science "synergy papers." The goal of cross-hub multidisciplinary synergy papers is to advance the field of translational science and build collaborations within and external to the CTSA program consortium, while meeting the academic needs of coauthors to produce high-quality scientific publications. Development of synergy papers may also forge new relationships and teams around shared goals, create common vocabularies across translational stages, and serve as a springboard for future collaborations. Selected synergy papers will receive one year of administrative support to develop a manuscript and submit it to a scientific journal for publication. The Request for Applications will be released soon. Contact the Center for Leading Innovation Collaboration (CLIC) with questions. More

News/Announcements

How We Spent Our Summer: CCTS Partner Road Trips
Several members of our CCTS senior leadership team logged more than 1,600 miles crisscrossing the AL-LA-MS region this summer to visit with CCTS partner institutions and affiliates. Our goals for the "listening tour"--to deepen existing ties, establish new ones, and innovate collaborative strategies toward our shared mission--were not only met but exceeded. We share a few of the exciting new ideas we heard as well as some snapshots from our CCTS summer road trips. More

CCTS Launches HSE Entrepreneurial Grand Rounds
Recognizing the need to connect investigators with experts who can share their knowledge of the commercialization journey for biomedical scientific discoveries, the first Fall 2018 Entrepreneurial Grand Rounds will feature CCTS Executive Council Member Dr. Molly Wasko leading an interactive I-Corps@NCATS workshop on Friday, Sept. 14. Part of the Health Sciences Entrepreneurship (HSE) seminar series, a collaboration among UAB, UAMS, UKMC, UU, and UTHSC. More

September CCTS Monthly Forum Postponed
Due to the Labor Day holiday, CCTS will postpone its monthly Forum, traditionally held the first Wednesday of the month. Stay tuned to CCTS Digest or our Upcoming Events web page for updated information concerning a new date as well as the topic
Funding Opportunities

Enhance Your Research with a CCTS and/or Radiology Imaging Development Voucher
Do you have specimens that need processing, data that need analyzing, or subjects who require dietary, nursing, or regulatory support? Would your project benefit from molecular, functional or anatomic images? The CCTS and UAB Dept. of Radiology voucher programs offer extra support that may help take your research to the next level. Investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at any CCTS Partner institution are encouraged to apply. Each program offers up to $5,000 in direct costs. More

Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Grants
Applications for PA-18-574 and PA-18-275 should address a range of focus areas relevant to any stage of translation, from target validation through pre-clinical and clinical evaluation, to intervention implementation and dissemination. Applications due Sept. 5. More

Health Services, Outcomes and Effectiveness Research Training Program
This is a full-time mentored research training postdoctoral fellowship supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (ARHQ) through the T32 Institutional National Research Service Awards (NRSA). The program prepares scholars for a career translating research evidence into practice. Applications due Sept. 17. More

CCTS Radiology Pilot Research Initiative
In collaboration with the UAB Department of Radiology and School of Medicine, the CCTS is requesting pilot study proposals for research projects requiring human imaging on the Highlands 3T, PET/MR, PET/CT, CT, and/or Small Animal Imaging on the 9.4T, MRI, Micro PET/CT, etc. The intent of the Pilot Initiative is to promote pre-clinical and clinical research projects and so acquire data that can be used in publications and extramural grant applications. Application due Sept. 21. More

This Week's Learning Opportunities

CCTS Drop-In Clinics
Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Aug. 27 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos |More

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series
Paul Muntner, PhD, Professor, UAB Dept. of Epidemiology, will discuss "The Roles of an Epidemiologist in Guideline Development: The 2017 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Blood Pressure Guideline."

Aug. 27 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407 | More

CCTS Drop-In Clinics
Join us for the fifth Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Aug. 29 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

Coordinated Works in Progress Seminars in Health Services, Outcomes, and Policy Research
Allison Shorten, PhD, RN, Professor, Department of Family, Community, and Health Systems, will discuss "From Inspiration to Implementation: Using Health Information Technology to Support Shared Decision Making During Pregnancy." Registration required.

Aug. 30 | 12-1pm | FOT 803 | More

Upcoming Events
Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication
Registration requested
Sept. 5 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Special Topics in Clinical Trials: Preparing for an FDA Audit: What You Should Know
Sept. 6 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
Sept. 6 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: Informatics for Translating Clinical Research Finding to Populations: Small and Big Data
Sept. 10 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

CCTS Research Training Program
Registration required
Sept. 11 - Oct. 16 | 7:45am-12pm | PCAMS

CCTS I-Corps Bootcamp
Registration required
Sept. 12 | 8am-12pm | Nielsen Innovation Lab, CSB 109

Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations
Registration requested
Sept. 12 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Sips & Science: Understanding Your Aging Brain
Registration Requested
Sept. 12 | 5-7pm | Southern Research
HSE Entrepreneurial Grand Rounds: I-Corps@NCATS Workshop
Sept. 14 | 1-2pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: Generating and Using Polygenic Risk Scores for Complex Traits in Studies with Diverse Populations
Sept. 17 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding
Registration requested
Sept. 19 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance Symposium
Registration required by Sept. 17
Sept. 20 | 8:30am-12pm | Southern Research

UAB Center for Exercise Medicine Science Communication Workshop
Registration required
Sept. 20 | 11:45am-1pm | Hill Student Center | UAB

Special Topics in Clinical Trials: How to Create Source Documents
Sept. 20 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

UAB Center for Exercise Medicine REACT Clinical Trials Workshop
Registration required
Sept. 20 | 2-4pm | Hill Student Center | UAB

6th Annual UAB Center for Exercise Medicine Symposium
Registration required
Sept. 21 | 8am-2pm | Hill Student Center | UAB

I-Corps@NCATS Regional Short Course Kick-off Workshop - UC Davis
Registration required by Sept. 4
Sept. 21 | 9am-4pm | Davis, CA

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: The Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama
Sept. 24 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
Registration requested
Sept. 26 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

UAB Research Orientation Program
Registration required
Sept. 27 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
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Sept. 27 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

NCATS Day 2018: Engaging Patients and Communities for Smarter Science
Sept. 28 | 9am-4:30pm | NIH | Bethesda, MD

6th Annual Immunogenomics Conference
Oct. 1-3 | HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology | Huntsville, AL

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: Morbidity in Cancer Survivorship
Oct. 8 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407
Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
*Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.*
Oct. 9 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behaviors
*Registration requested*
Oct. 10 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

5th Annual Community Engagement Institute
*Building Bridges for Better Health through Engaging Communities*
Oct. 12 | 8am-5pm | Hyatt Regency Hotel | Hoover, AL

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: Improvements of Bacterial Susceptibility to Fluoroquinolones After Implementation an Antimicrobial Stewardship Restriction Program: A Decade-Long Experience
Oct. 15 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Establishing an Authorship Policy
*Registration requested*
Oct. 17 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: A Crisis of Opioids and the Limits of Prescription Control: Epidemiology, Clinical Policy, and Personal Reflections
Oct. 22 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

I-Corps@NCATS Regional Short Course Kick-off Workshop - UMass
*Registration required by Sept. 17*
Oct. 23 | 9am-4pm | UMass

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
*Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.*
Oct. 23 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

Case Studies in Mentoring: Fostering Independence
*Registration requested*
Oct. 24 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS

Department of Epidemiology Seminar Series: Cardiovascular Disease in People Living with HIV
Oct. 29 | 12-1pm | Ryals 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Promoting Professional Development
*Registration requested*
Oct. 31 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting Available

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
*Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.*
Nov. 15 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

Complete listing of CCTS events