Did You Know?
Earlier this fall, NIH announced a notice of intent to publish new parent funding opportunities focused on basic experimental studies involving humans. These prospective studies, fundable via R01, R21, K99/R00, K01, K02, K08, K23, K24, and K25 mechanisms, fall within the definition of an NIH clinical trial as well as basic research. The goal is to assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans to better understand fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific processes or products in mind. NIH began publishing the parent FOAs in late November (e.g., PA-19-091 and PA-19-092), with due dates beginning in January 2019. More

News/Announcements

Start Off the New Year with a CCTS Mentoring Training
The CCTS Case Studies in Mentoring series, an eight-week program offered several times a year, starts anew in January. Earn a certificate by attending all sessions--Partners are encouraged to attend via Zoom. CCTS has also relaunched our First Friday Mentoring Lunch (FFML), which provides a more informal opportunity to share tips for navigating mentor-mentee relationships--register soon for our next FFML on Friday, January 4. Planning to publish in 2019? Join us for our January Forum on Wednesday, January 9, when Editors-in-Chief of several leading academic journals provide mentorship in the form of sharing best practices for mastering the peer review process. More

Resolve to Use i2b2 to Access Clinical Data for Research, Update Annual Human Subjects Trainings, in 2019
If you have not yet taken "Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2," our hands-on training for investigators to explore the i2b2 database for accessing de-identified patient data, checking study feasibility, developing hypotheses, and more, you are in luck. Several new dates through April 2019 have been announced. Registration and annual trainings in human subjects protections are required. Supervisory approval also required for non-faculty (e.g., trainees, staff). All attendees are strongly encouraged to request i2b2 access prior to their session. Already trained on i2b2? Download our new i2b2 flyer and share with interested colleagues. More

REACT Center Announces Pilot Funding Opportunities for

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Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine Research--CCTS
Partners Eligible to Apply
The NIH-funded Rehabilitation Research Resource to Enhance Clinical Trials (REACT) center, based at the CCTS Hub, has released an RFA for pilot funding to support the conduct of innovative, early stage, proof-of-concept studies focused on medical rehabilitation for either chronic or acute conditions (e.g., muscle, bone, or joint diseases; neurodegenerative or neurodevelopmental diseases; traumatic injury; stroke; cancer; aging/frailty; or post-surgical rehabilitation). A complementary pilot RFA, cosponsored by REACT and the Alliance for Regenerative Research and Training (AR³T), focuses on integration of principles and approaches from rehabilitation and regenerative medicine. Letters of Intent for both pilots are due Wednesday, December 19. More

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

Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1) (Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Designed to support highly integrated research teams of three to six PD/PIs to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are important for the mission of National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and are beyond the scope of one or two investigators. Letter of Intent due December 25, 2018. More

Apply for NCATS SBIR and STTR Funding Through the 2018 Omnibus Solicitation
NCATS recently released two new SBIR/STTR funding opportunities through the 2018 Omnibus Solicitation. Representatives of small businesses and research organizations focused on commercializing innovative medical technologies are encouraged to submit applications to PA-18-574 and PA-18-575 by 5pm, Monday, January 7, 2019. More

Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
NIH has released two new FOAs associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. Specifically, these FOAs seeks to support the creation of a translational science network devoted exclusively to immunotherapy approaches to treat and prevent adult cancers. Submit applications to RFA-CA-19-014 and RFA-CA-19-015 by 5pm, Thursday, February 8, 2019. More

Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer
Immunoprevention Research Projects (UG3/UH3)
The purpose of this FOA, associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative, is to support UG3/UH3 Cancer Immunoprevention Phased Award Projects. Applicants responding to this FOA must apply for both the UG3 and UH3 phases together in a single application. Applications due Monday, February 11, 2019 by 5pm local time. More

Immuo-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (i3) Centers (U54 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
The purpose of this FOA is to develop Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (i3) Centers, as new components of the IOTN. The i3 Centers will be comprised of multi-disciplinary teams focused on developing and employing engineered immunotherapy approaches to design more durable, widely accessible, and less toxic immunoprevention and immunotherapy strategies. Applications due Monday, February 11, 2019, by 5pm local time. More

$100K CD2H Idea Competition
The CTSA Program’s National Center for Data to Health (CD2H) is excited to announce the launch of the CD2H Idea Competition. This is an opportunity to turn your scientific question into a DREAM Challenge to be tackled by teams around the world. If your idea is selected, you will receive a $100,000 subcontract to run the DREAM Challenge in collaboration with the CD2H. The deadline to submit your initial proposal is Friday, February 15, 2019. 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.

Dec. 10 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More

CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn
Catch lunch and hear the latest about UAB’s Research Administration, including updates on CTAO, OnCore, Power Trials, IRB, and clinical billing review. Registration requested.

Dec. 11 | 11:30am-12:45pm | Spain Auditorium | More

UAB Center for Exercise Medicine Distinguished Lecture Series
Charlotte A. Peterson, PhD, Professor and Director for the Center for Muscle Biology at the University of Kentucky, will discuss "Evolving Roles for Satellite Cells in Skeletal Muscle Adaptation and Aging."

Dec. 11 | 4-5pm | Bevill 170 | More

CCTS Drop-In Clinics
Join us for the second Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research

Dec. 11 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More
Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Dec. 12 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

Informatics Institute PowerTalks Colloquia
Bruce Korf, MD, PhD, CCTS Director of Genomic Medicine and UAB Chief Genomic Officer, will discuss "The UAB Undiagnosed Diseases Program: Bioinformatic Applications in Rare Disorders."

Dec. 14 | 10:15-11:30am | Shelby 105 | More

Training Interdisciplinary Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS)
Jeff Walker, PhD, Director of Research Communication Graduate Certificate Program and Instructor of Graduate School Professional Development Program, will discuss "Academic Writing: Five Tips for Success." This workshop presents five tips for success in academic writing. Topics include creating outlines, setting "SMART" goals, and practicing ethical writing.
Registration requested. Zoom Available.

Dec. 14 | 11am-12pm | PCAMS | More

Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Grand Rounds
Chris West, Entrepreneur in Residence for the University of Tennessee Research Foundation, will discuss "What We've Learned in Life Sciences: Practical Tips in Translational Research." Zoom Available.

Dec. 14 | 1-2pm | Webinar | More

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Inaugural UAB Cohort Studies Symposium
Registration required
Jan. 4 | 8am-1pm | Edge of Chaos

CCTS First Friday Mentoring Lunch
Registration required
Jan. 4 | 12-1pm | PCAMS

Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 9 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

CCTS Forum - Mastering Peer Review: Insights from the Editors
Jan. 9 | 4:00-5:30pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required
Jan. 10 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities Forum on Community-Engaged Scholarship
Building Blocks for Impactful Community Engagement Toward Health Equity
Registration required
Jan. 11 | 8:30am-3:30pm | University of South Alabama Student Center Ballroom

Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 16 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 23 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

2019 Conference on Bioethics Issues in Minority Health and Health Disparities Research
Effective Health Care and Inclusion: Growing the Next Generation of Researchers for Bioethics, Biomedical, Behavioral, and Health Disparities Research
Registration required
Jan. 23-25 | Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required
Jan. 24 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Jan. 30 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 318 | Zoom Available

Complete listing of CCTS events