Did You Know?
Congratulations to CCTS Director and UAB Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research Dr. Robert Kimberly, who has been elected as a Fellow in the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). NAI Fellows "have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society." It is the highest professional distinction accorded to academic inventors. Kimberly, who holds patents in genetics and on several novel therapeutic monoclonal antibodies for treatment of autoimmune disease and cancer, is one of 148 new fellows who will be inducted at the Eighth NAI Annual Meeting in April 2019. He joins more than 1,000 NAI Fellows whose licensed technologies and companies have created 1.4 million jobs and generated over $190 billion in revenue. More

News/Announcements

NIH Announces Fast-Track Funding Opportunity for Pain Management Comparative Effectiveness Clinical Trials
The CCTS encourages investigators throughout our Partner Network to consider applying to a new Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) FOA, RFA-NS-19-021, which will fund well-controlled trials in specific pain conditions to evaluate preventive strategies or interventions. The goal? To provide clinicians with information about the effectiveness of treatments or management strategies that reduce opioid use and pain associated with many types of diseases or conditions. This fast-track opportunity will be gone in 46 days--applications are due Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. All applicants must include a letter of support from the CCTS (contact Frannie Horn). A webinar from 11am-1pm CT TODAY, December 17th, will provide more information. More

Why Attend TS19?
The premiere translational science meeting of the year will take place in Washington, DC, March 5-8, 2019, providing valuable learning and networking opportunities for researchers of all skill sets and experience levels across the spectrum of clinical and translational science. Mark your calendar to join more than 1,100 colleagues, including researchers, trainees, and federal program officers, and soak up the latest breaking research, funding, and collaboration news at TS19. We offer a Top Ten list of compelling reasons to register for TS19 today. More
CCTS External Advisory Committee Tees Off Strategic Planning for 2019
The annual CCTS External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting, which took place on Monday, December 10, 2018, teed off the night before at Top Golf, where EAC members and CCTS faculty and staff enjoyed an informal evening before getting down to business at the Hub. CCTS thanks our EAC members, UAB leadership, CCTS Partner Network site leads, CCTS team leads and staff, and our NCATS program officer for their support in making the meeting a success. More

Abstract Deadline Extended for Second Conference on Bioethics 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," cohosted by Morehouse School of Medicine, Tuskegee University, and the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, will take place in Opelika, AL, from Wednesday, Jan. 23 to Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. The deadline for poster and oral presentation abstracts is now Friday, December 28, 2018. 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**

**Immuno-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**

**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. 17 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More

**NIH HEAL Pain Management Effectiveness Research Network FOA Applicant Webinar**
NIH will hold a webinar to provide information and respond to questions on the **RFA-NS-19-021 - NIH HEAL Pain Management Effectiveness Research Network: Clinical Trial Planning and Implementation Cooperative Agreement (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Required)**.

Dec. 17 | 11am-12pm | Webinar | More

**Trial Innovation Network Webinar**
"The Trial Resource Pack: Best Practices and Tools for Recruitment and Retention" webinar will present a manual of best practices for optimizing trial design and increasing awareness and enthusiasm for participation as well as a toolkit of customizable"
templates, how-to guides and educational handouts for supporting patient recruitment and retention.

Dec. 19 | 11am-12pm | Webinar | More

CCTS Drop-In Clinics
Join us for the third Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design and Institutional Review Board. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions. There will be no clinic Dec. 26 or January 2.

Dec. 19 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | 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

Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series): Clinical Trials.gov Results Reporting Workshop
Jan. 17 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | 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
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