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CCTS DIGEST

Center for Clinical and Translational Science

The latest clinical and translational science news, events, and funding opportunities for the CCTS Partner Network

Before diving in to this week's Digest, please take a moment to read a message from the CCTS Leadership Team:

*Important conversations have taken place over the past two weeks, following the senseless death of George Floyd. Racism affects all aspects of health, from the level of physical care received and available, to the mental and emotional effects of systemic racism. There are many things to be said, and even more to be done. The CCTS Research Community has a unique opportunity to effect this change, recognizing the higher burden of disease experienced by black Americans. We are dedicated to our mission to improve health for all populations and are continually assessing our efforts to better serve our communities. We hope you will do the same. **Health equity, while a complex and challenging pursuit, is our steadfast commitment and goal.***

*Many people are experiencing deep pain, fear, and anger during this time. Please make use of the counseling services available at your institutions and lean in to the people and places of support that surround you. Additionally, and as always, reach out to the **CCTS** to express any needs and concerns you have.*

*The **DRIVEN** team is particularly sensitive and aware of the impact these events may have on our scholars and their productivity. If there is any way that **DRIVEN** can support scholars during this time as you work to balance grief, sadness, confusion, anger, alongside pressing research deadlines and expectations for the remaining months in 2020, please let us know.*



Morning Coffee

Hosted by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science
and the UAB Office of the Vice President for Research



Morning Coffee Conversations Continue: Concerns and Logistics

for Resuming Research at UAB

Morning Coffee with the CCTS and the UAB Office of the Vice President for Research continues this week but will broaden in topic with discussion surrounding all research returning to campus. New dates have been added with opportunities to bring your questions and concerns to be addressed by institutional leaders.

Register for an upcoming session [here](#), and visit the [CCTS website](#) to take a look at a few of the topics that have been discussed over "Morning Coffee" thus far.

Sign Up to Join



Wanted: Your expertise and innovative ideas.

The UAB Informatics Institute is bringing together teams of scientists and engineers to combat problems related to COVID-19 through the use of biomedical and health data in an upcoming "COVID-19 Data Science Hackathon" on June 15-16, 2020.

You can help make this unique event a success. The UAB Informatics Institute is calling for:

- 1. Input and ideas to advance COVID-19 biomedical knowledge,**

- 2. Experts who will volunteer to serve as mentors on the Hackathon projects, and**

- 3. Judges who will help select winning projects in the final project presentation.**

If you can participate and share your ideas or expertise, please contact [Dr. Jake Chen](#). Find out more about the COVID-19 Data Science Hackathon [here](#).

Lectures & Learning

The CCTS will continue connecting during this time of social distancing by providing access to online meetings and alternative learning opportunities. Please check the [CCTS Upcoming Events](#) page frequently for the most up-to-date event information.

CCTS virtual events often utilize [Zoom](#) and **are password protected**. If you have any questions about how to launch a meeting using Zoom or how to access a meeting, please contact CCTS Director of Distance Learning, [Brian Wallace](#).



CCTS Translational Research Summer Series

Developing a Research Question and Hypotheses with Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH.

June 10 | 9-10am | [Register](#)
[Add to Calendar](#)



COVID-19 Data Science Hackathon

Your expertise and innovative ideas are wanted in this challenge to use data to combat COVID-19.

June 15-16 | 8am-5pm | Online
[Add to Calendar](#)



Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology, & Research Design (BERD)

Prepare your study-related questions for this online opportunity.

By Appointment | [Email for Details](#)

TIERS: NIH Grant Applications: Keys to knowing your audience and demystifying the process

In this session, M. "Tonette" Krousel-Wood, MD, MSPH, will help participants identify key components of NIH grant applications and scoring, as well as identify common problems with grant applications and how to overcome them.



June 19 | 11am-12pm | [Zoom](#) (PW: 811733)
[Add to Calendar](#)

[Full Events Calendar](#)

Funding Opportunities

Request for Proposals for UAB Investigators: Urgent High-Impact COVID19 Research
Contact ktkeyser@uab.edu

[Fast-Track Program for COVID-19 Test Development Funds](#)

[EHR COVID-19 DREAM CHALLENGE](#)

[CTSA One Health Alliance 2020 Pilot Grant Funding](#)

For all NIH COVID-19 specific funding opportunities, [click here](#).

[More Funding Opportunities](#)

CCTS Spotlight

Jeanne Merchant, MPH Program Manager, CCTS KL2 & TL1 Programs

"Jeanne is an incredible co-worker and contributes so much to the success of the CCTS Training Academy at UAB and across the Partner Network. She is always welcoming of new ideas and providing thoughtful and encouraging feedback on projects. As the CCTS TL1 & KL2 Program Manager, she is continually working to find new ways to improve the trainee and scholar experiences. Her dedication to shaping positive, inclusive training programs is evident throughout her work."



- Rose Crocker, Program Coordinator, CCTS TL1 & KL2 programs

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