Down Syndrome Research Gets a Boost with New Biobank Initiative

Nationwide Children's Hospital and research advocacy group DownSyndrome Achieves have joined forces to create the first biobank in the country dedicated to collecting and managing blood samples from people with Down syndrome.

“This is a prime example of how we are using our expertise in biobanking to help researchers everywhere do clinical and translational research,” said Daniel Coury, MD, chief of Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's.

Clinical Research Boot Camp Resources

The CCTS Clinical Research Boot Camp is under way and now a page of resources is available to access some of the materials covered in the program.

For those that missed the chance to enroll in the current 3-week session (ending February 4th), please look for the next program to take place in late summer or early fall 2016.

Access the boot camp Resources

RFA: Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium Awards

The Midwest Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium (SPARC) awards program has released an RFA to support pharmaceutical related projects in the non-competitive intellectual property space.

Projects to be considered may include, but are not limited to, early translational medicine and potential identification of therapeutic targets in the area of human autoimmune diseases.

Deadline to submit letters of intent is March 18, 2016

Get more information and submit an application

Tools of the Trade: Precision Medicine
Tools of the Trade: Precision Medicine is a program led by researchers from the cutting edge of genomics, pharmacology, cancer, cardiology and other fields. It is designed to explain how precision medicine is breaking down the divide between research and clinical practice.

The agenda will be divided into four sessions, including:

- Introduction to Precision Medicine *(moderated by Ray Hershberger)*
- Pharmacogenomics *(Wolfgang Sadee)*
- Genomic Medicine Applications *(Sameek Roychowdhury)*
- Genomics, Data and Informatics *(Hershberger)*

The program will take place in the James Cancer Hospital, room L045, on February 3, 2016.

Register online

RFA: Special Therapeutics Projects

The NIH Center for Accelerated Innovation at Cleveland Clinic (NCAI-CC) announces an RFA for research projects specifically involving therapeutics technologies (drugs/biologics).

The goal of this special funding opportunity is to identify, select and advance qualified drug development projects directed toward treatment or management of cardiovascular, pulmonary, blood or sleep-related disorders. | Deadline to submit proposals is March 3, 2016

Get more information and submit an application

Online Masters in Applied Clinical and Preclinical Research Information Session

The Colleges of Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine offer an asynchronous, flexible, interdisciplinary graduate degree program, the Master of Applied Clinical and Preclinical Research (MACPR) for researchers looking to begin or advance their career in clinical and preclinical research.

The MACPR program will host an information session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 4:30pm in 240 Prior Hall (CCTS Suite 260).

Get more information

2016 Patient Safety Advancement Awardees Announced

The Wexner Medical Center and the CCTS Pilot and Collaborative Studies Program would like to announce the recipients of the 2016 Patient Safety Advancement Awards. The awards are used to support research ideas from faculty, staff and residents that aim to use innovative approaches to improve patient outcomes and/or prevent harm to patients.

Congratulations to this year’s recipients and their research teams:

- Steven Ing, MD, MSCE
2016 KL2 Awardees Announced

The CCTS Career Development Program (KL2) has awarded three new investigators and their research projects with the 2016 KL2 Awards.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- David Bradley, MD
- Thomas Mace, PhD
- Lawrence Shirley, MD

Read more | Learn more about the CCTS KL2 Program

2016 Davis Bremer Awardees Announced

The CCTS and the College of Medicine presented two distinguished scientists with the 2016 Richard P. and Marie R. Bremer Medical Research Fund and William H. Davis Endowment for Basic Medical Research Pilot Awards.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Tendy Chang, MD
- Nilay Shah

Read more | Learn more about the CCTS Education and Training Program

RFA: Core Services Voucher Program

The CCTS Core Services Voucher Program will award OSU and NCH investigators with vouchers worth up to $4,000 in eligible core services per investigator and per project.

Researchers can request the voucher service through the Computerized Research Record (CoRR) service request system, which will begin the process. All researchers with approved requests will work with the core service staff to complete the process and receive their voucher award.

Get more information and submit a request

Clinical Trials in Veterinary Medicine

The College of Veterinary Medicine and Clinical Trials Office have recently put together a video to help explain the purpose of clinical trials, the benefits and risks of participating in research studies, and how study participants are protected by regulatory and ethical standards.

Watch the video
Research Commons Open for Business

The Research Commons at the 18th Avenue Library opened on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The Research Commons offers researchers from the Ohio State community an opportunity and place to connect with research support experts and learn more about available services.

Ohio State faculty, staff and students are encouraged to visit the new space and explore how to can promote and support collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

Get more information and submit an application

RFA: Transdisciplinary Team Grant

The Public Health Preparedness in Infectious Disease (PHPID) Program and the Infectious Disease Discovery Theme announce the launch of their joint Transdisciplinary Team Grant program.

The overall goal of this grant program is to support faculty and staff in strengthening transdisciplinary research networks across the University so that they can become more competitive in addressing complex research challenges in infectious disease. | Deadline to submit proposals is March 15, 2016

Get more information and submit an application

I-Corps@Ohio Program Assists Faculty and Students with Market Potential of Technologies

I-Corps@Ohio is a statewide program to assist faculty and graduate students from Ohio universities and colleges to validate the market potential of their technologies and validate and launch startup companies.

This grant funded program is modeled after the National Science Foundation's (NSF) successful I-Corps program, which is proven to increase innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration. | Applications due February 7, 2016, 11:59pm

Get more information

Electronic Data Capture Training

The CCTS, in coordination with the Department of Biomedical Informatics, is conducting a “REDCap Advanced” training session on Friday, February 19, 2016, from 9:00 - 10:00am in Prior Hall, Room 240.

REDCap training sessions are also made available online via WebEx.

Get more information and register online

NCATS to Host Rare Disease Day 2016
The next Rare Disease Day at NIH will take place **February 29, 2016**, from 8:30am - 3:30pm on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

The annual event is designed to raise awareness about rare diseases, including the patients they affect and research collaborations underway to address scientific challenges.

[Register to attend | Save the Date for 'Tools of the Trade: Rare Diseases' in May](#)

### Register for Translational Science 2016

Plan to attend Translational Science 2016, **April 13-15, 2016** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

Translational Science 2016 is jointly sponsored by the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS), American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) and Clinical Research Forum (CR Forum).

[Get more information and register to attend](#)

### NIH Publishes Strategic Plan for 2016-2020

In December, the NIH published its strategic plan for fiscal years 2016 - 2020. Michael Lauer, NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, shares the objectives and a few thoughts on the NIH's Extramural Nexus blog.

[Read more](#)

### Toolkit Resources

The CCTS Recruitment and Retention program provides a guide to creating ResearchMatch Feasibility accounts and recruitment accounts.

Ohio State leads the nation in the number of researchers recruiting via the ResearchMatch registry and in the number of volunteers registered within 50 miles of the University's main campus.

[Access the guide | Learn how CCTS can help recruit research study participants](#)

### NCATS e-Newsletter

Check out the latest NCATS e-Newsletter that features collaboration opportunities with NCATS scientists, registration information for Rare Disease Day 2016, a request input into a strategic plan for NCATS, and more.

[Read the latest NCATS e-Newsletter | NIH Weekly Funding Notice](#)

### Read the latest news from ACTS

Read about the latest news in translational science and find out about grant opportunities from the January edition of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science's monthly newsletter, the ACTS Connection.

[Read the January edition of the ACTS Connection](#)
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