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NEWS



New Funding Opportunity!

UMass Life Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF) 2016

Request for Letters of Intent

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science is pleased to announce a funding call for the **UMass Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF) 2016**. The LSMF supports projects that are inter-campus in orientation and directed toward life sciences projects related to clinical and translational research. Current and future projects supported by this fund are envisioned to advance the therapeutic, device, intervention, etc., under study along the translational pipeline. This fund serves to spur inter-campus collaboration, and strengthen the University's research portfolio in clinical and translational research. To support this mission, projects must include at least one investigator from the UMass Worcester campus and a collaborator from at least one of the other UMass campuses. By providing seed funding to outstanding faculty members, this fund facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system, thereby leveraging the considerable expertise and resources that exist on the individual campuses. It is assumed that successful projects will attract additional funding from extramural sources. [Learn More](#)

Pfizer's Centers for Therapeutic Innovation

Proposals for Biotherapeutic Targets

Pfizer's Centers for Therapeutic Innovation, or CTI, is a unique program that collaborates with leading academic medical centers, the NIH, and foundations to speed the translation of novel targets to the clinic.

CTI is looking for strong project rationale; ability to address unmet medical needs; link between target pathway and human disease; feasibility; and novel drug targets in these therapeutic areas, oncology; inflammation and immune disorders; cardiovascular and metabolic diseases; neuroscience; and rare monogenic genetic diseases.



Deadline for pre-proposal submission: Friday, February 26, 2016. [Learn More](#)



President's Office

The 2016 S&T Initiatives Fund announcement will be released in the first quarter of 2016.

UMass President's Office Science & Technology (S&T) Initiatives Fund 2016

Request for Concept Papers

The UMass President's Office Science & Technology (S&T) Initiatives Fund is a tool to catalyze

research collaborations among the UMass campuses and with other partners to create impact and economic engagement at many levels. It will provide resources to support well-established faculty who have a proven track record of securing external funding and who are positioned to attract major research and development funding opportunities for the University as part of an overall strategy to grow and strengthen the University's R&D enterprise. The intent of the program is to focus on areas of strategic importance to campus research and to the State and its Innovation Economy (e.g., clean energy, life sciences, IT and "big data", cyber security, advanced manufacturing, medical devices, and the like). Key criteria also include catalyzing partnerships with other UMass campuses, other research institutions and Massachusetts industry. [Learn More](#)

5th Annual M2D2 New Venture Competition 2016

The UMass Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) is pleased to launch the **5th Annual M2D2 \$100K Challenge**, an opportunity designed to showcase the innovative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit of seed and early-stage medical device and bio-tech companies. The M2D2 \$100K Challenge will **award up to \$100,000 in service or grant awards** provided by the program sponsors. **The M2D2 \$100K Challenge is interested in receiving a broad range of applications and is seeking any biotech and medical device technologies.**



Deadline dates: Early applications by January 15, 2015 and by January 29, 2015. [More Information](#)



UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Symposium Call for Breakout Session Proposals and Abstracts

The **UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Symposium** will be held on **Friday, March 25, 2016** from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Albert Sherman Center, UMMS, Worcester

Community Engagement is requesting proposals for breakout sessions and a call for poster abstracts to be presented during the retreat.

- Poster Abstracts are due on Monday, February 1, 2016
- Proposals for Breakout Sessions are due on Friday, February 5, 2016

For complete information and to register for this exciting event, please [click here](#).

UMCCTS 6th Annual Research Retreat Mini Symposia - Call for Proposals

The **6th Annual UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat** will be held on **Friday, May 20, 2016** at the Albert Sherman Center, University of MA Medical School.



UMCCTS is requesting proposals for mini symposia to be presented during the retreat.

Proposals are due on Monday, February 1, 2016. [Learn More](#)

5th Annual Deshpande Symposium Call for Panel Proposals

We invite you to join us at the 5th Annual Deshpande Symposium for Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Higher Education. The Symposium is scheduled for **June 13-15, 2016 at the University of MA Lowell**.



Over 300 higher education faculty, incubator/accelerator directors, entrepreneurs, and funders from across North America attended last year's Symposium. *Why not join them this year, and share a panel highlighting your institution's experience and expertise in developing and supporting entrepreneurs?*

The call for panel proposals is open until February 15. The program committee is particularly interested in panels that include multiple organizations and perspectives that engage the audience.

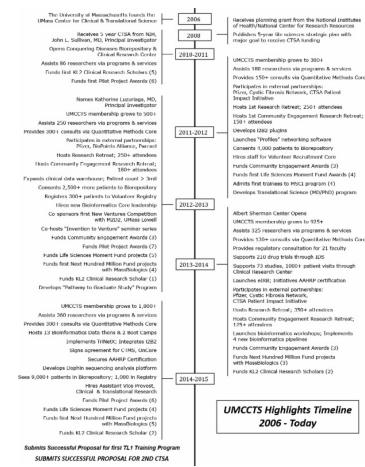
[Learn More](#)

Looking Back, Looking Ahead

A Timeline of the UMCCTS

Sally Gore, MS, MSLIS
Research Evaluation Analyst, UMCCTS

In putting the finishing touches on our Final Progress Report to NIH for the first 5-year CTSA, I created a timeline of some of the highlights of the past 9 years. Since its founding in 2006, the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) has made great strides in becoming the central resource hub for clinical and translational research at UMass Medical School, as well as our 4 sister campuses (UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell). Seeing all that we've accomplished to date, one cannot help but look forward with great anticipation to all that's in store as we move into our second Award period. Take a moment to see where we've been and then just imagine what the future holds. [Click Here](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

UMass Worcester Awarded Accreditation for Protecting Research Participants



UMass Worcester is pleased to announce that it has been awarded accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) at the December, 2015 meeting of its Council on Accreditation. Advancing patient care through research that spans laboratory studies through first in human trials and implementation science is a shared

priority across our medical school and clinical system. Towards this goal, research is conducted at UMass Medical School (UMMS) and UMass Memorial Health Care (UMMHC) sites and affiliates. The Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) is a collaborative effort that includes UMMS and UMMHC faculty and staff, as well as community members. The goals of our HRPP are to protect and promote the health and welfare of human research participants; and to educate our community about research and the rights of research participants. AAHRPP promotes high-quality, ethically sound research through an accreditation process that helps organizations worldwide strengthen their HRPPs.

An independent, non-profit accrediting body, AAHRPP uses a voluntary, peer-driven, educational model to ensure that HRPPs meet rigorous standards for quality and protection. To earn accreditation, organizations must provide tangible evidence-through policies, procedures, and practices-of their commitment to scientifically and ethically sound research and to continuous improvement.

As the "gold seal," AAHRPP accreditation offers assurances-to research participants, researchers, sponsors, government regulators, and the general public-that an HRPP is focused first and foremost on excellence. This accreditation signals the importance UMMS and UMMHC place on the highest standards in research.

Learn more about the [UMass Human Research Protection Program](#)



Save the Date!

The **6th Annual UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat** will take place on **Friday, May 20, 2016**, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, at the Albert Sherman Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester. A [call for proposals for Mini Symposia presenters](#) has just been issued and a call for **Poster Abstracts** will be announced in March.

Registration will open on April 1.

EVENTS



NEW! UMCCTS TEAM SCIENCE WEBINAR SERIES

Join us for the 1st in our new UMCCTS Team Science Webinar Series

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

10:00-11:00 am

Drs. Sherry Pagoto and Ed Boudreax from the UMass Center for mHealth and Social Media will share their experience in leading research teams that involve academic and/or commercial partners as well as individuals with a wide variety of expertise including computer science, engineering, mathematics, behavioral science, medicine and public health. [Register now!](#)

UMass Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center

"Mintz Levin/M2D2 Barracuda Bowl"

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mintz Levin, One Financial Center, Boston, MA



The UMass Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) is pleased to offer a panel-style venture pitch event resembling ABC's "Shark Tank" show to be held at Mintz Levin, Boston, MA followed by networking. Several entrepreneurs representing bio-tech and medical device start-up companies will have to face tough questions from a panel of investors regarding their technologies, current stage of development and financial projections in a pitch of their ventures.

Registration fee to include hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments. [Register now!](#)

Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Clinical Research Professionals Group (CRPG) Meetings:

Thursday, February 11, 2016

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Lazare Auditorium, S1-607, UMMS, Worcester

[Learn More](#)



Quantitative
Health Sciences

Grand Rounds Series

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Albert Sherman Center, 9th floor conference room AS9-2072

University of Massachusetts Medical School

"Are Results from Historical Mammography Trials Still Relevant Today? A Model-Based Analysis for Informing Policy Decisions"

Ruth B. Etzioni, PhD

Associate Head, Program in Biostatistics

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Affiliate Professor in Biostatistics and Health Services

University of Washington

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to [Kelley Baron](#)



January Events

FUNDING and TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



UMCCTS 2016 Pilot Project Program (PPP) Request for Letters of Intent

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) is pleased to announce a funding call for the **Pilot Project Program (PPP) 2016**. The PPP differs from other intramural funding in that the key goal of PPP funding is to effect a qualitative change in the way the work is conducted. The intent of the funding is to speed up the rate of progress to move a research project, clinical finding or other discovery into a broader network of activities, while maximizing the breadth of transdisciplinary skills applied to the research question. We are particularly interested in proposals which feature a clinical scientist working with a basic scientist and proposals with an emphasis on community-based research.

Deadline for letters of intent is Friday, January 22, 2016. [Learn More](#)



GLOBAL HEALTH

**Two Funding Opportunities!
Office of Global Health**

Office of Global Health-Pilot Project Program (OGH-PPP) 2016

Request for Letters of Intent

The UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) Office of Global Health announces the **2016 Pilot Project Program (OGH-PPP)** request for letters of intent. The key goal of the OGH-PPP funding is to catalyze the development of translational research projects that provide a firm scientific basis for clinical practice and public health policy in global settings. The intent of the OGH-PPP is to promote and prioritize funding projects that are innovative, interdisciplinary, evidence-based, capitalize on University of Massachusetts Medical School programmatic strengths, and that have the best potential for future growth and external funding.

Letters of intent are due Friday, January 22, 2016. [Learn More](#)

Office of Global Health Spring 2016 Travel Award

Request for Proposals

The UMMS Office of Global Health (OGH) coordinates activities and administers grants that enhance and expand UMMS programs in global health improvement and disease prevention. OGH invites the submissions of travel awards focused on the development or expansion of global health training or research projects.

Applications are due Friday, March 11, 2016. [Learn More](#)



The Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation Macy Faculty Scholars Program

The Macy Faculty Scholars Program aims to accelerate needed reforms in health professions education to accommodate the dramatic changes occurring in medical practice and health care delivery. The program is designed to identify and nurture the careers of promising educational innovators in Medicine and Nursing.

The University of Massachusetts Medical School has been invited to submit ONE nomination.

A complete description of the Macy Faculty Scholars Program can be found [here](#).

Internal applications are due by January 16, 2016 through the new **Limited Submission Application portal** on the UMMS Office of Research website. [Click here](#) to access Portal.



PCORI Pipeline to Proposals Awards Initiative

The **Pipeline to Proposal Awards Initiative** aims to build a national community of patients, stakeholders, and researchers who have the expertise and passion to participate in patient-centered outcomes research, or PCOR, and to create partnerships within that community that lead to high-quality research proposals.

The Pipeline to Proposal Awards Initiative is driven by three unique program goals:

1. Successfully establish an infrastructure for patients, caregivers, and other stakeholders to increase CER information and engagement in research.
2. Strengthen relationships between researchers, patients and stakeholders, particularly in communities that have been underrepresented in research.
3. Build capacity for researcher/non research partnerships to create research questions and submit PCOR research proposals that can be considered for PCOR funding.

Letter of Inquiries are due January 18, 2016.

[Learn More](#)



The Medical Foundation
A division of Health Resources in Action

Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral



Research Fellowship Program

Established in 1936, the Charles A. King Trust was created to "support and promote the investigation of human disease and the alleviation of human suffering through improved treatment."

In keeping with these principles, the King Trust today supports postdoctoral fellows in the basic sciences and clinical and health services research.

The Charles A. King Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program is designed to support postdoctoral scientists in non-profit academic, medical or research institutions in Massachusetts.

Applications are due January 29, 2016.

[Learn More](#)

The L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Program

The L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science Program recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations. More than 2,250 women scientists in over 110 countries have been recognized since the program began in 1998.

In the US, the For Women in Science fellowship program awards five post-doctoral women scientists annually with grants of \$60,000 each. Applicants are selected from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics.

Applications are due February 5, 2016.

For eligibility requirements and application instructions, please visit the [website](#)

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