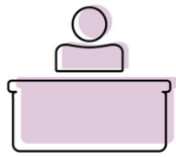


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – JUNE 2023



On April 27-28th, **we came together to brainstorm how we can continuously improve our scientific and operational processes to achieve the CCTST goals.** Dave Williams, PhD, came to Cincinnati to consult with us. Dr. Williams has a history of advising organizations worldwide on adopting quality, facilitating organizational transformation, and developing systemwide improvement capability.



He challenged us to think critically about the processes within the CCTST. Beyond this, he enabled us to understand how these processes interface with one another and helped us see how we have assembled these processes into what we recognize as the CCTST. As MPIs, we saw this as a splendid team effort with so much collaboration and active teamwork.

The two-day consultation, the 100s of post-it notes, and our time together stimulated our renewal grant writing efforts and brought a new perspective on the work ahead. We look forward to continuing this systems improvement journey.



Our **KL2 Research Scholars Career Development Program will begin accepting LOIs on July 3rd with a deadline of August 4th.** The K Scholars Program supports the career development of early stage investigators as they pursue independent funding. The program provides 75% salary support (up to \$102,200) and \$25,000 in research support for two consecutive years for a mentored research project. For more information regarding this funding opportunity, please [click here](#).

Fall semester applications for the Community Engaged-Research for Health Graduate Certificate are due July 1st. The 12-credit hour program is geared towards graduate students, faculty members, and academic or community researchers who are interested in integrating community engagement into their research design. Graduates from the Certificate will obtain the skills and resources needed to conduct community-engaged research. For more information about the program, curriculum, and application materials, [please click here](#).

Please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance to you.

All our best,

Jessica, Jareen, Jeff, and Achala