

FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – December 2022



The CCTST hosted its annual External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting on December 8 and 9. We were pleased to welcome CTSA leaders from across the U.S.: Manisha Desai, PhD (Stanford University), Paul Harris, PhD (Vanderbilt University), Manish Shah, MD, MPH (University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health), Ron Sokol, MD (Colorado Anschutz Medical Center), Debra Lerner, PhD MSc (Tufts School of Medicine), and Karen Johnston, MD MSc (University of Virginia).

The meeting went extremely well. The EAC members were especially impressed with the level of talent throughout the CCTST, the innovative and impactful work presented, the synergy and collaborative spirit, the bidirectional UC-CCHMC collaborations, the focus on DEI, and the way the CCTST team works together. They provided excellent suggestions, especially related to writing a successful renewal application under the new FOA. They will send us a full report that we will use to improve the effectiveness, impact and reach of the CCTST.

Jack Kues, director of the Center for Improvement Science, will be retiring at the end of this month. Jack has been a beloved member of our team for many years and has played an instrumental role in the success of the CCTST. We will highlight Jack and his accomplishments in our January NewsBrief.

We are excited to announce that the **CCTST has joined the Association for Clinical and Translational Science as an institutional member!** The benefits of this investment are substantial and listed below. Please stay tuned for information about how to join ACTS using our institutional membership in January.

Build Your Knowledge

ACTS delivers access to peers who can relate to specific challenges, share lessons from similar experiences and collaborate on innovative research.

- Registration discount for the annual **Translational Science** meeting
- **ACTS Learning Library**—the centralized location for all of the Association’s educational offerings and session recordings from previous Translational Science meetings
- ACTS’ social media platforms

Access to Valuable Insights

ACTS shares insights from the clinical and translational science field, and features members in a variety of ways.

- **ACTS Connection**—official newsletter that reports on issues of importance to members, including news about membership, advocacy updates and grant opportunities
- **ACTS News**—the core of news and information for the ACTS community
- **The Journal of Translational Science (JCTS)**—subscription to a wide range of high-quality academic content published by Cambridge University Press
- **News on the Hill**—the latest policy and advocacy news related to the field

Increase Your Influence

ACTS creates an environment where your full impact and value can be recognized within your institution, and the clinical and translational science field.

- **Standing Committees**
- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**
- **Career Center**—hub for job seekers to explore opportunities and career resources and/or for employers to search resumes and discover new talent
- **ACTS Translational Science Meeting Awards**—awards to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of investigators and educators

Acute Care Research Core (ACRC) Grant Competition is now accepting letter of intent: The ACRC's mission is to advance patient outcomes in the challenging and fast-paced acute care setting by empowering our stakeholders, improving research efficiency, training the next generation of clinical and translational researchers, and developing acute care research standards of care. **Grant competition letter of intent will be accepted until January 9, 2023.** Chosen proposals will be awarded \$15,000 each. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Leader's Institute (CLI): Applications are now open for the Community Engagement Core's CLI. The Community Leaders Institute (CLI) is a leadership development training program offered over five consecutive weeks in February–March. The goal is to build research and leadership skills that the individual can use to improve or develop a health program. Training sessions are designed to build leadership and research/program evaluation skills in the following areas: Grant Writing; Accessing Public Datasets; Program Evaluation; Quality Improvement; Survey Development & Assessing Community Health Needs; Design Thinking; and Research Ethics. Participants receive a small grant (\$1,500–\$2,000) and have the opportunity to apply the skills learned to a health-related project (to be completed over the next 12 months). Applications are due **December 15, 2022**. More info can be found [here](#).