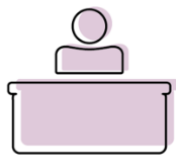


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – SEPTEMBER 2023



Dear CCTST Community,

Happy fall! We hope you are enjoying the cooler weather and adjusting to the back-to-school routines.

Over the past several months, we have been focusing on writing our CCTST 4.0 renewal application in collaboration with our exceptional writing team. The renewal will be submitted in January, 2024 and if funded, will secure an additional seven years of funding to continue the transformative work of the CCTST. The UM1 component of the renewal is an application to continue as a program hub that is part of the national collaborative consortium of Clinical and Translational Science Awards. The overall goal is to focus on bringing more treatments to all people more quickly through advancing clinical and translational science. In addition, Drs. Meg Zeller and Moises Huaman will be submitting a companion grant, the K12 Clinical Scientist Institutional Career Development Program Award that funds research training for junior faculty. Drs. Katherine Bowers, Maggie Powers-Fletcher, Rhonda Szczesniak, and Nives Zimmermann will be submitting two companion T32 grants that fund research training for pre- and post-doctoral scientists.

The strategic goals proposed in these applications will drive innovative advancements for accelerating science across the lifespan, achieving health equity, and training a diverse, resilient workforce. These four applications—UM1, K12, and pre- and post-doctoral T32s—will enhance synergistic collaboration between CCTST partners and stakeholders across the CTSA consortium and achieve NCATS' mission to translate research observations into actionable health solutions.

We also wanted to make you aware of several important deadlines and exciting upcoming events:

The CCTST Community Engagement Core is now accepting proposals for the **2024 Community Health Grants, Partnership Development Grants, and Integrating Special Populations (ISP) Health Grant Program.**

The Community Health Grant program offers grants of up to \$20,000 for translational research conducted by partnerships consisting of both academic and community organizations/programs or physician practices that improve health outcomes in children, adults, and/or the community. The Partnership Development Grant program offers grants of up to \$5,000 focused on the development or strengthening of collaborations between community and academic partners. Final Proposals are due **October 18, 2023**. For RFAs and additional information, please visit the [community engagement website](#).

The Integrating Special Populations Initiative aims to engage research subpopulations that are typically underrepresented in research, such as (1) pediatric populations, (2) patients with rare diseases (e.g., cancer, sickle cell disease, congenital heart disease), (3) young adult patients transitioning to adult healthcare, (4) people from under-resourced communities (including urban Appalachia), (5) those experiencing homelessness, (6) LGBTQ youth, and/or (7) other specialized populations as defined by age, economic, medical or minority status or other documented vulnerability.

There are two grants with a focus on ISP:

- ISP Health Grant: Up to \$20,000 to complete a project that makes a health impact in two or more of the ISP priority areas.
- ISP Implementation Grant: Up to \$5,000 to address a health challenge in two or more of the ISP priority areas.

Final Proposals are due **October 18, 2023**. For RFAs and additional information, please [click here](#).

Come to the reboot of the [K Club](#), focused on early career faculty across the university system who are navigating their research path. The CCTST K Scholars program will serve as the program host, with [Dr. Samir Shah](#), professor of pediatrics and CCHMC vice chair of clinical affairs and education, leading a discussion on “Finding Your Bagel”, a thought-provoking career development talk on finding your passion and navigating how to get there. Coffee, juice and bagels provided. The presentation will take place on **October 2, 2023 from 9:00am-10:00am at CCHMC room S1.203**. Registration information can be found [here](#).

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

All our best,

Jessica, Jareen, Jeff, and Achala