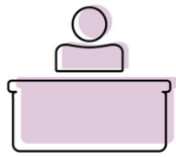


# FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – FEBRUARY 2024



Dear CCTST community,

The recent appreciation event for our CCTST community on February 2, 2024 was a resounding success, drawing together a diverse array of CCTST staff, core leaders, investigators, all united in celebration of our collective achievements. Held at the Backstage Event Center, the evening was a testament to the spirit of collaboration and dedication that drives the CCTST. As seen in the photographs, the gathering sparked laughter, lively discussions and new connections. The gathering was a vivid reminder of the power of appreciation in fostering a vibrant, cohesive CCTST community, ready to explore new horizons in science and training together. We are truly thankful for each and everyone of you! It is a privilege to be part of the CCTST ecosystem.



The LOI deadline for the **Design Thinking Research Award** has been extended to **February 19, 2024**. For more information, please [click here](#).

**Please note that cycle 1 applications for the CCTST Just-In-Time Grants are due February 12, 2024.** More information can be found on our [website](#).

**Processes and Methods (Step 1) applications are due March 22, 2024.** For program details, please [click here](#). Thinking about applying, but have questions? Join the **virtual Q&A session on February 15, 2024 at 2:00pm**, no registration required. [Click here](#) to access the zoom link.

Join us on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 from 2:00-3:00pm for our **Learning Health Systems Speaker Series, featuring Rinad Beidas, PhD from the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University**. Dr. Beidas's talk is entitled, "*Supercharging implementation science with insights from behavioral economics*". To view learning objectives and to access the Zoom link, please [click here](#).

Summer semester applications for the **Graduate Certificate in Community-Engaged Research for Health** are due **April 1, 2024**. 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