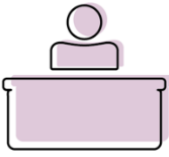


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – FEBRUARY 2023



In December (8th and 9th), the CCTST hosted our annual External Advisory Committee (EAC) meeting at which time we had the honor of presenting the amazing work that is supported by the CCTST. We have recently received our report which we view as a “roadmap” for moving forward. **The report was overall very positive and complimented the CCTST in multiple areas, with a positive emphasis on increasing diversity within the CCTST**

organization and the EAC. The report also highlighted the advantages of an established multiple PI team to serve best the institutions and researchers, our innovative community engagement program, strong pilot funding opportunities, and our signature training programs. We received compliments for the detailed logistical planning, excellent supplemental materials and the thoughtful selection of the program components that highlighted the CCTST’s impact. The EAC report is a testament to the incredible team effort, including the wisdom of our talented staff. We received important recommendations from the EAC committee regarding opportunity areas which include: continuous improvement, systematic program evaluation, cross-core synergies, and strategic planning to set the future directions. We are already developing plans to address these recommendations and are excited to improve in ways that better support investigators and their science.

An early highlight of February was the annual CCTST Winter Party held at Mecklenburg Gardens on February 3, 2023. This was the first in-person social gathering since the pandemic took place. It was wonderful to see our CCTST/SRC family come together for celebration and a fun-filled evening of great food, conversations, and laughter. It reminded all of us how grateful we are to be part of this amazing team of friends and colleagues.



The CCTST KL2 Research Scholars Program is pleased to announce its new Associate Director, Moises Huaman, MD, MSc. Dr. Huaman is a clinical and translational investigator trained in infectious diseases, immunology, and clinical epidemiology. He is associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Huaman's research focuses on the interplay between infection, inflammation, and cardio-metabolic diseases, with a particular focus on the role of tuberculosis in atherosclerotic cardiovascular diseases. He has experience conducting clinical and translational studies nationally and internationally, including observational and interventional trials to prevent and treat infections of global public health relevance such as tuberculosis, HIV, and COVID-19. Dr. Huaman is a former CCTST KL2 Scholar and currently serves as co-PI for the UC Infectious Diseases Research Unit. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Huaman and welcoming him to the team!

We invite you to join us for **CCTST February Grand Rounds, "Career Development Awardees Spotlight - Research Highlights, Findings & Feedback"**. This Grand Rounds event includes a set of transdisciplinary talks by rising stars at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The presenting junior faculty are all career development award winners who are conducting research to improve a range of health outcomes. Panelist biographies and presentation information can be found [here](#).

The CCTST Pilot Translational Research and Innovative Core Grant and the Processes and Methods Grant fund new studies. To view awardees for the Pilot Translational Research and Innovative Core Grant, please [click here](#). Processes and Methods awardees can be viewed [here](#).

Please note that **Cycle 1 applications for the CCTST Just-In-Time Grants are due February 13, 2023**. More information can be found on our [website](#).

Processes and Methods (Step 1) applications are being accepted between February 20 - March 17. For program details, please [click here](#).