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Have You Registered for TS16? Join hundreds of your colleagues in Washington DC, April 13-15 for [Translational Science 2016!](#)

Translational Science 2016 will offer more continuing education than ever before! Explore the latest scientific abstracts during our expanded poster hall viewing hours, and grab your front row seat to three outstanding plenary sessions, oral presentations, and over 30 breakout sessions. [Learn more.](#)

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Don't forget to book your hotel!

If you haven't booked your hotel room for Translational Science 2016, you must act fast, as hotel rooms at the Omni Shoreham are almost sold out! Please [check our website](#) regularly for availability. As a reminder, the cut-off date is **Monday, March 14.**

Due to high demand, ACTS has secured additional rooms for Translational Science attendees the Marriott Wardman Park. This hotel is located just across the street from the Omni Shoreham, and rooms are available at the same conference rate of \$299!

Rooms will not be available for much longer, so [click here](#) to visit our housing page and book your room today!

Noteworthy Sessions at Translational Science 2016

Have you picked out the sessions you plan to attend? Here are just two to add to your list but check out the [full schedule](#) for more exciting sessions!

Digital Technology: Transforming Health and Healthcare | Thursday, April 14, 1:15 pm

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The goal of this session will be to discuss the current state of mobile health tools, learn about new and upcoming wireless technologies to complement healthcare and evidence of efficacy behind their use. This session will also aim to highlight the importance of policy to help enable successful implementation/application of these tools that is evidence based, while keeping patients safe.

Writing a Fundable PCORI Grant: Lessons Learned | Friday, April 15, 8:15 am

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from successful applicants and experienced reviewers of PCORI applications. A reviewer's perspective of the do's and don't's and the importance and compelling case for stakeholder engagement in particular in these specific funding initiatives will be detailed. Novel tools to increase investigator engagement and application for PCORI funding will also be shared. Don't miss this important session!

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serves investigative researchers as a resource for changes affecting the biomedical research community. Its 2016 re-launch with global knowledge provider BMJ has resulted in a strengthened content strategy to cover more specialties, including oncology, immunology and neurology, alongside endocrinology, cardiology and other key specialties. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Advocacy News from the Hill:

Democrats on HELP Committee Introduce *The National Biomedical Research Act*

Earlier this year, the Senate's Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (HELP) Committee announced it had failed to reach agreement on a comprehensive medical research enhancement bill (the Innovation panel) as a counterpart to the House's 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6). Much like the House effort, the main stumbling block has been the issue of increased funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Specifically, how Congress can systematically and substantially increase NIH and FDA funding to accommodate additional and expanded programs and activities. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Grants and Grant News

Biomarkers for the Lewy Body Dementias (U01)

[\(RFA-NS-16-022\)](#)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institute on Aging

Application Receipt Date(s): May 10, 2016

Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study Research Projects (R01)

[\(PA-16-107\)](#)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

Team-Based Design in Biomedical Engineering Education (R25)

[\(PAR-16-108\)](#)

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Application Receipt Date(s): May 31, 2016; May 31, 2017; May 31, 2018, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Bridges to the Doctorate (R25)

[\(PAR-16-109\)](#)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Application Receipt Date(s): September 25, 2016; September 25, 2017; September 25, 2018. If the date falls on a week-end, the application is due the next business day, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Bridges to the Baccalaureate (R25)

[\(PAR-16-110\)](#)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

Application Receipt Date(s): September 25, 2016; September 25, 2017 September 25, 2018, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Cooperative Agreement to Develop Targeted Agents for Use with Systemic Agents Plus Radiotherapy (U01)

[\(PAR-16-111\)](#)

National Cancer Institute

Application Receipt Date(s): July 14, 2016; December 14, 2016; July 14, 2017; December 14, 2017, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.