ACTS Welcomes New Executive Director

Kathleen McCann is the new Executive Director of ACTS, and brings more than 12 years of healthcare association management experience to this role. She has extensive experience developing and implementing programming in the areas of advocacy, publications, accreditation and education, as well as managing operations in support service areas such as membership, marketing information technology and human resources. Kathleen holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism with minors in political science and American studies from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and is working toward a MBA at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Translational Science Today

NIH moves to lift moratorium on animal-human chimera research

Patients Provide Clues to Producing a Powerful HIV Antibody

University of Pittsburgh National Innovation Contest

Enter National Innovation Contest for Chance to Win $10,000

Limited space is available for the Career Coaching Workshop being offered by the Professional Mentoring Skills Enhancing Diversity (PROMISED) Program. The training is geared towards mentors who are passionate about helping mentees from diverse backgrounds drive their careers forward. The training will take place in Pittsburgh September 14-16, 2016. Lodging and most meals are covered by the program. You just need to get to Pittsburgh! Please contact Doris Rubio dmr18@pitt.edu if interested.

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About Us

The ACTS mission is to advance research and education in clinical and translational science to improve human health. For more information, visit actscience.org

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Journal of Clinical and Translational Science (JCTS) is now open for submissions:
journals.cambridge.org/cts/submit

Tweets from our members, partners, and #TranslationalScience happenings.
Solve the *Inventor’s Dilemma* and win a $10,000 prize and the opportunity to meet with entrepreneurs, investors, and UPMC executives at our November conference!

Enter our National Innovation Contest by August 30, 2016

Contest judges include:

Andrew Rabin, Premier, Inc
Rasu Shrestha, UPMC Enterprises
Jay Srini, SCS Ventures
Robert Stein, Institute of Entrepreneurial Excellence

Click here for details: [https://www.healthtech.pitt.edu/contest2016/](https://www.healthtech.pitt.edu/contest2016/)

**Journal of Clinical and Translational Science**

**Reminder: JCTS Submissions Now Open!**

Reminder that submissions are now open for *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science (JCTS)*. Submit by following this link: [journals.cambridge.org/cts/submit](journals.cambridge.org/cts/submit).

*Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* is an international peer-reviewed journal that will publish papers capturing the spectrum of research from T1 (translation from research lab bench to bedside) through to T4 (translation to populations). JCTS aims to provide a forum for the rapid communication of relevant topics of interest to the large and diverse community of clinical and translational scientists. The ultimate goal of JCTS is to improve the efficiency with which research and new diagnostics, therapies, and preventive measures, informed by health needs, are able to reach the public.

Specifically, JCTS will highlight outstanding work in the following areas:

- Basic Translational Research
- Clinical Research
- Education
- Research Methods
- Implementation
- Policy and Community Engagement
- Translational Research Design and Analysis

**Translational Science 2017**

**Share Your Ideas for TS17**
Planning for Translational Science 2017 are underway and the Planning Committee invites ACTS members to offer suggestions to help shape the conference program. The committee is soliciting topical/category ideas, session format suggestions and speaker recommendations. Members are encouraged to share ideas that highlight a broad range of emerging areas of interest.

Submit your ideas by clicking here until Thursday, August 18th.

Due to the limited amount of sessions available, please note that all suggestions are for planning purposes only. Submission of proposed topics and/or presenters does not guarantee inclusion in the Translational Science 2017 program.

Translational Science 2017 is April 18 - 21, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Grants and Grant News

Volunteer for the NIH Peer Review Process

The NIH peer review system is the foundation of the NIH extramural research enterprise, and its continued excellence depends on our ability to recruit and retain the most accomplished, broad-thinking and creative scientists and experts to serve as peer reviewers. Such qualified individuals are needed to serve on Scientific Review Groups (or "study sections") in the initial peer review of applications and evaluation of R&D contract proposals.

Individuals who possess expertise in areas supported by the NIH and who wish to volunteer to serve in the NIH peer review process should send an email to the Enhancing Peer Review mailbox (ReviewerVolunteer@mail.nih.gov) with a brief description of their areas of expertise in the body of the email (1-2 sentences) and a copy of their biosketch as an attachment.

For more on becoming a peer reviewer, click here.

Questions About Your Career Development Application?

Click here to download Career Development Instructions for NIH and Other PHS Agencies.

New Grant Opportunities

NIMH Career Transition Award for Tenure-Track and Tenured Intramural Investigators (K22)

PAR-16-398

K22 Career Transition Award
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

The primary goal of the NIMH Career Transition Award for Tenure-Track and Tenured Intramural Investigators (K22) Program is to provide support for career intramural investigators at NIMH who aim to transition from the Division of Intramural Research Programs to an independent research faculty position in the extramural community. Applicants should have a demonstrated record of meritorious research in mental health-related fields.

Center of Excellence for Research on Complementary and Integrative Health (P01)

PAR-16-379

P01 Research Program Projects
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages the submission of applications that requires multi-project, synergistic collaboration between outstanding scientists that blends multiple research approaches by multi-disciplinary research teams. This Center of Excellence for Research on Complementary and Integrative Health (CERCIH) program is designed to support three or more highly meritorious projects that can offer significant scientific advantages and "synergy" that could not be achieved by supporting the same projects as individual research...
NIBIB Trailblazer Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R21)

This Trailblazer Award is an opportunity for New and Early Stage Investigators to pursue research programs of high interest to the NIBIB that integrate engineering and the physical sciences with the life and behavioral sciences. This FOA invites applications from researchers who are at the early stage of their independent careers or those who have not had substantial prior NIH funding. A Trailblazer project may be exploratory, developmental, proof of concept, or high risk-high impact, and may be technology design-directed, discovery-driven, or hypothesis-driven. Importantly, applicants are expected to propose research approaches for which there are minimal or no preliminary data.

NIDA Program Project Grant Applications (P01)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) announces the availability of support for collaborative research by multi-disciplinary teams which is of high priority to NIDA and leads to synergistic outcomes based on the synthesis of multiple research approaches. The NIDA Program Projects funding opportunity will support research in which the funding of three or more highly meritorious projects as a group enriches both the component projects and the overall program to offer significant scientific advantages over supporting the same projects as individual research grants (i.e., synergy). For the duration of the award, each Program must consist of a minimum of three research projects focused on issues critical to advance the mission and goals of NIDA.

NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Enhancing Diversity in Biomedical Data Science (R25)

The primary purpose of the NIH BD2K Enhancing Diversity in Biomedical Data Science program is to provide resources for eligible institutions "(the applicant institution)" to implement innovative approaches to research education for students from underrepresented backgrounds in Big Data science. Through this program, eligible institutions will establish partnerships with research intensive institutions with prominence in biomedical big data research to design collaborations to implement novel approaches of data science education that emphasize research experiences and curriculum development at the eligible institution.

Member Highlight Stories

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for outstanding or groundbreaking work? Send ACTS your story to be highlighted in future versions of ACTS Connection. Submit stories to: info@actscience.org

Save the Date: Translational Science 2017

Translational Science 2017 will be held April 18-21, 2017 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. Registration for TS17 is expected to open in December 2016.