Online Portals Now Open for Translational Science 2017

Registration and abstract submission are now open for Translational Science 2017! Join the brightest minds from across the spectrum of translational research April 19-21, 2017 in Washington, DC.

Why Attend Translational Science 2017?

- **EXPLORE** the latest research, including sessions from today’s top minds in the field
- **COLLABORATE** with more than 900 scientific peers during unparalleled opportunities to create new connections
- **EDUCATE** yourself on key issues presented by plenary speakers
- **INNOVATE** your research by submitting a poster abstract, and gain visibility among peers and colleagues

Translational Science Ancillary Meetings

Are you interested in hosting a meeting in conjunction with Translational Science 2017? Visit the ACTS Website to submit your request by filling out the Ancillary Meeting Request Form.

Translational Science Today

**How to Motivate and Retain Study Coordinators - Q&A**

January 28th, 2016 | Forte Research Systems

*By Mallory Thomas | Senior Associate Director of Clinical Operations, ClinEdge*
Following her recent webinar, "How to Motivate and Retain Study Coordinators," Mallory Thomas of ClinEdge answers attendee questions regarding stay interviews and employee engagement.

**Trump's FDA Chief May Implement Progressive Approval For Drugs**

*December 14th, 2016 | Forbes*

*By Patrick Cox | Contributor*

See what Forbe’s independent contributor, Patrick Cox, has to say in regards to potential changes with the FDA’s requirement for phase 2 and 3 trials.

The full article is here.

**Harris Named Executive Director of Center for Clinical and Translational Science**

*December 13, 2016 | UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science*

*By Mallory Powell*

Gabe Harris has been named the executive director of the University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

**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.

*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 T4 (translation to populations). JCTS aims to provide a forum for the rapid communication of relevant topics of interests 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 bale to reach the public.

Specically, 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
Shortly after introducing a negotiated 21st Cures Act (H.R. 34), the House passed the measure with strong bipartisan support. The current version of Cures represents months of negotiations between the House and Senate as well as Democrats and Republicans. While some lawmakers, including Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), have voiced objections to the measure, it is expected to... (See the full newsletter here.)

Stay current on NIH Funding and Translational Science happenings in Washington, DC by visiting the ACTS Advocacy home page.

**Wrap Up - 114th Congress Lame Duck Session**

The 114th Congress finished up this week by passing several bills of interest to CCTS. These bills either have been or are in the process of being signed by the president.

(See the full update here.)

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**Grants & Grant News**

**New Grant Opportunities**

**NCI Transition Career Development Award to Promote Diversity (K22)**

**PAR-17-069**

**K22 Career Transition Award**

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

The purpose of the NCI Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity program is to assist a postdoctoral fellow’s transition to positions of assistant professor or equivalent and initiate a successful biomedical career as an independent research scientist. To this end, the Diversity Training Branch (DTB), the Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) (http://crchd.cancer.gov) invites applications from research scientists in postdoctoral positions or equivalent who are from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical, behavioral, clinical, and/or social sciences.

**The NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)**

**RFA-CA-17-014**

**F99/K00 Pre-doc to Post-doc Transition Award**

National Cancer Institute (NCI)

The purpose of the NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) is to encourage and retain outstanding graduate students who have demonstrated potential and interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers. The award will facilitate the transition of talented graduate students into successful cancer research postdoctoral appointments, and provide opportunities for career development activities relevant to their long-term career goals of becoming independent cancer researchers.

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