Register today for Translational Science 2017! Join hundreds of Translational Science colleagues at Capitol Hill by selecting “Capitol Hill Day” as an add-on during registration.

Join the brightest minds from across the spectrum of translational research April 19-21, 2017 in Washington, DC.

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

Research program at South Bend’s Adams High School is a launchpad for science careers
February 27, 2017 | South Bend Tribune
Kevin Allen

Students at a high school in Indiana have the opportunity to carry out independent research projects: “The class was absolutely transformative. I may not have gone into science if it wasn't for that, at least in the direction I went,” said Fil Randazzo, a 1980 Adams graduate who is now deputy director of discovery and translational sciences for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Read more about this high school program here.

Parkinson’s Foundation Invests $500,000 in Community-Driven Clinical Research To Ease Cognition, Sleep and Fatigue in Parkinson’s
February 27, 2017 | Parkinson's Foundation

The Parkinson's Foundation has awarded $500,000 for translational research grants to address critical unmet needs in Parkinson’s disease. The goal of the grants is to improve health outcomes and quality of life for individuals with Parkinson’s and their families.

Help us spread the word! Use #TranslationalScience2017 to let us know you’re joining us in Washington, DC April 19-21st!
March For Science

Scientists will convene on Washington, D.C. for the March for Science on April 22, 2017, immediately following the Translational Science meeting. The march is organized as a demonstration of support and call to safeguard the scientific community and the role it plays in providing insight into individual lives and the world. Details about the event are here. Please note the March for Science is not affiliated with the Translational Science meeting. See details about the event here.

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.

Specially, 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

News from The Hill

Dale Dirks & Dane Christiansen

Newsletter: March 6, 2017

Although we are presently six months into Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, lawmakers are still working to finalize eleven of the twelve annual appropriations bills. Currently, federal agencies including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that temporarily maintains FY 2016 funding. The CR is set of expire on April 28th and Congress is currently attempting to formulate a strategy to pass the outstanding appropriations measures. (see the full newsletter here).

Stay current on NIH Funding and Translational Science happenings in Washington, DC by visiting the ACTS Advocacy home page.
The American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (ASHFoundation) invites investigators to submit proposals in competition for up to four grants, of $50,000 to $75,000 each, to support clinical research studies over a one- or two-year period. These research grants are intended to encourage research that will impact the delivery of services to individuals with communication disorders.

See the full grant information here.

New Grant Opportunities

**NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS and Drug Use Research (DP1)**

RFA-DA-18-001

The NIDA Avant-Garde Award Program for HIV/AIDS Research supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose high-impact research that will open new areas of HIV/AIDS research relevant to drug abuse and/or lead to new avenues for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among drug abusers. The term “avant-garde” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to be transformative. The proposed research should reflect approaches and ideas that are substantially different from those already being pursued by the investigator or others and should support the NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-137.html.

**Environmental Health Sciences Core Centers (EHS CC) (P30)**

RFA-ES-17-003

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites grant applications for Environmental Health Sciences Core Centers (EHS CC). As intellectual hubs for environmental health research, the EHS CC is expected to be the thought leaders for the field and advance the goals of the NIEHS Strategic Plan (http://www.niehs.nih.gov/about/strategicplan/). The Core Centers provide critical research infrastructure, shared facilities, services and/or resources, to groups of investigators conducting environmental health sciences research.

**Translational Research in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics (R01)**

PAR-17-189

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage applications for translational and clinical research as well as clinical trials that will advance our knowledge about the underlying mechanisms of drug action, response, and safety in children at various developmental stages, and in women during pregnancy and lactation. The overall goals of the FOA are to improve the safety and effectiveness of current drugs for pediatric or obstetric patients, and to enhance the development of new drugs or a safer usage of the existing drugs for tailored therapies to meet emerging clinical needs for these special populations.

Member Feature

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.
Dr. Tara Lavelle of @Tufts_ICRHP5 talks about decision-making for families of children with #autism. #TuftsCTSI