ACTS Call for Nominations!

Call for Nominations: 2017-2018 Board Election

Calling All ACTS Members!

ACTS is seeking passionate leaders to serve on the ACTS Board of Directors. All paid, voting members of ACTS are eligible to run for the Board of Directors with terms beginning July 2017. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, June 2, 2017. ACTS members can be self-nominated or you can nominate another member.

Ideal candidates for the ACTS Board of Directors have the following attributes:

- Clinical and translational science expertise
- Superior strategic thinking ability
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Passion for the field of clinical and translational science and dedication to ACTS

To submit your nomination, please send the nominee’s name and institution to info@actscience.org.

Translational Science Today

Team Science Critical to Diagnosis, Prevention, Treatment of Diseases

By Science Daily
April 27, 2017 | Boston University Medical Center

Tackling complex biomedical research increasingly requires the development of new approaches to facilitate innovative, creative and impactful discoveries. A group of scientists shows that a team science approach is critical to solving complex biomedical problems and advancing discoveries in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human disease..

Read the full article here.

IBM and the tranSMART Foundation Bring Translational Science Medicine Data to Scientists

By Alex Keown
May 24, 2017 | The tranSMART Foundation

Biotech researchers looking to harness the power of big data could have an easier time with the new partnership between IBM (IBM) and the tranSMART Foundation, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization founded in 2012 with a goal of providing a platform to share pre-competitive data for use in designing transformational medicines.
Children's Social Factors Affect Readmission Rates
By CU School of Medicine
May 22, 2017

A team of researchers led by a University of Colorado School of Medicine faculty member found that measures to evaluate readmission rates at children's hospitals would be more accurate if the social factors of the patients are included.

Read more about ACTS member & lead author, Marion Sills, MD, MPH, here.

Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

First Issue of JCTS Published!
The first issue of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science has been published.

Volume 1 - Issue 1 - February 2017 is now available for viewing!

JCTS's mission is to provide a forum for the rapid communication of topics of interest and relevance to the large and diverse community of clinical and translational scientists with the goal of improving the efficiency with which health needs inform research and new diagnostics, therapies, and preventive measures reach the public. The Association for Clinical and Translational Science has partnered with the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) and the Clinical Research Forum (CRF) to support the growth and development of JCTS.

Submit your article today to be featured in future issues of JCTS! Visit https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jcts.

News from The Hill

CCTS Newsletter
Dale Dirks and Dane Christiansen
May 25, 2017

On Wednesday, May 17th, the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Dr. Francis Collins, appeared before the House Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee for a hearing entitled, The Transformative Power of Biomedical Research. Dr. Collins was joined by a handful of Institute Directors and, after providing brief testimony, the panel answered questions on key programs and activities from Subcommittee members.

Through his remarks, Dr. Collins provided a robust justification for the value and importance of investment in NIH to the LHHS Subcommittee.

Read the full newsletter here.

NCATS "Advocacy Day" [June 30th]
Inaugural event designed to strengthen patient and community engagement.

NCATS will host its inaugural NCATS Advocacy Day - Partnering with Patients for Smarter Science on June 30, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at the John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. The goal is to inform patients and their advocates about NCATS and its programs, identify patient needs and collectively discuss ways for enhanced patient inclusion in NCATS' translational science activities. Admission is complimentary, but space is limited.

Read the full notice here.

President's FY18 Budget Request [Summary Memo]

Visit the ACTS Advocacy page to read the CCTS Summary Memo on the FY18 Budget Request.
Kent’s Institute for Applied Linguistics Receives $1 Million Grant

By Mona Kazour
May 25, 2017 | Patch

The Gawlicki Family Foundation of Hartford gave the grant to fund the development of a distance learning translation studies program.

From Kent State University: Kent State University’s Institute for Applied Linguistics has received a grant for $1 million from the Gawlicki Family Foundation of Hartford, Connecticut, to fund the development of a state-of-the-art distance learning translation studies program. The Institute for Applied Linguistics is a research and education program affiliated with the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies within the College of Arts and Sciences at Kent State.

Read the full article here.

The Best-Kept Secrets to Winning Grants

By Kendall Powell
May 24, 2017 | Nature

Competition for funding is ruthless, and the stakes are particularly high at the NIH - the largest single source of funding for biomedical research in the world. The agency’s research-project grants - R01s and other, similar grants - are the main mechanism for funding investigator-initiated biomedical research in the United States, supporting about 27,500 investigators at any given time. The 5-year average success rate is 18% of the applicant pool - a historic low that shows little sign of moving, given the relatively flat NIH budget since 2008 and uncertainty about its prospects. As a result, grant reviewers resort to finding any flaw they can to weed out applications.

Get ideas on making the most from your funding applications here.

New NIH Grant Opportunities

NIA Academic Leadership Career Award (K07)
PAR-17-287
K07 Academic/Teacher Award (ATA)
National Institute on Aging (NIA)
The objective of the NIA Academic Leadership Career Award (K07) is to provide support for senior investigators who have the expertise and leadership skills to enhance aging and geriatric research capacity within their academic institution.

AHRQ National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (T32)
RFA-HS-17-011
T32 Institutional National Research Service Award (NRSA)
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will award National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grants (T32) to eligible domestic institutions to enhance predoctoral and postdoctoral research training and ensure that a diverse and highly trained workforce is available and committed to the generation, translation and dissemination of new scientific evidence and analytical tools that will be used to improve health care delivery in the United States. Research training programs will incorporate didactic, research and career development elements to prepare individuals for careers that will have a significant impact on the health care needs of the Nation.

Member Feature

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Submit stories to info@actscience.org.
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