

Translational Science 2018



Awards Deadline February 9

Don't forget to take advantage of the Translational Science 2018 Awards!

Nominate teams and individuals that deserve to be recognized for their valuable work and contribution in translational science by **February 9**.

Award opportunities include:

- ACTS Distinguished Investigator Awards
- ACTS Distinguished Educator Award
- Team Science Award

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

ACTS Leadership Workshop

A Message from Harry P. Selker

I am delighted to let you know about the [ACTS Workshop](#) for Leaders of Translational Research Enterprises.

For leaders of multi-disciplinary multi-organizational translational research enterprises, such as CTSAs, ACTS has organized an outstanding off-site workshop to help develop high levels of organizational performance and impact.

The Conference, which will be March 15-16, 2018 at the lovely Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, near Jacksonville, Florida, has the following goals for participants:



- To enable leaders of collaborative research enterprise leaders to think deeply about their organizational strategies
- To help these leaders understand their own abilities that will help them successfully organize, motivate, and lead their research organizations
- To develop their strategic thinking and oversight abilities for running their enterprises
- To understand the drivers of influence and their own leadership impact
- To build and manage critical partnerships

This will be done in a highly interactive workshop setting, in which participants will share their experiences and best-practices, and will build an on-going engaged community

We hope you will join us March 15-16, 2018 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

News From the Hill

News From the Hill: January 5, 2018

The government re-opened following a brief mid-January shutdown when the Continuing Resolution (CR) keeping federal agencies operating at their Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 levels expired with no extension or alternative in place. The shutdown was quickly polarized around the immigration debate, but the high-profile confrontation masked other challenges facing Congress. Most notably, the twelve annual FY 2018 appropriations bills remain unfinished and legislators still lack an overarching budget deal to move the spending bills forward.



Although Republican and Democratic negotiators have made progress there is still no agreement on the overall funding levels for defense and non-defense discretionary programs (the latter includes NIH, AHRQ, etc.). The unfinished spending bills are just one legislative item on a litany of pressing business that lawmakers opted to leave unaddressed at the end of last year and delay timely action on until the beginning of 2018.

In reopening the government, the Senate and House passed another short-term CR to level-fund all program until February 8th. With the progress being made in both spending and immigration negotiations, there is some hope that a final appropriations measure can emerge over the coming weeks (another short-term CR may yet be required though). It is important to note that legislators managed to resolve some of their pressing business when passing the CR and re-opening the government. The measure also included a six years reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program and (another) delay in implementation of the medical device tax for two-years.

Given the critical legislative issues that remain outstanding, such as further supporting the work of community health centers and the National Health Service Corps, it is possible that the next CR or omnibus spending bill will incrementally address additional pending policy items. On the other side of the coin though, action is still required on divisive topics like immigration and the expiration of any CR holds the potential for another shutdown. Congress is under tremendous pressure though from various stakeholders to enact final FY 2018 appropriations and provide meaningful funding increases that have been pending since the fiscal year began in October.

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Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

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Translational Science Today



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