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## Translational Science 2018



### Thank You for Attending!

Translational Science 2018 was April 19-21, 2018 in Washington, DC.

This year's event was full of great networking, informative sessions, and opportunities to present new research. Thank you to everyone that attended and we look forward to seeing you next year for Translational Science 2019!

## Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program

The NIH announces this year's Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program. This is a competitive opportunity for early-stage physician-scientists to conduct independent clinical and translational research as tenure-track investigators at the NIH and in academia. It was established in 2011 to create career research opportunities for physician-scientists (it also includes dental and nurse scientists) and is targeted to outstanding post-fellowship physicians and other clinicians with strong research interests and credentials.

Funding provides full research and salary support for 5+ years at the NIH followed by three years in academia (up to \$500,000/year) or continued appointment in the NIH intramural program. This program also allows for the opportunity for academic institutional affiliation while at the NIH. The deadline for applications is **August 31, 2018**. The general start date for the positions is summer 2019, but this is flexible. More information can be found at our website, <https://www.nih.gov/research-training/lasker-clinical-research-scholars> or by email to Dr. Chuck Dearolf at [LaskerScholar@nih.gov](mailto:LaskerScholar@nih.gov).

## Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

The fourth issue of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science has been published. [Volume 1 / Issue 5, October 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.

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## News From the Hill

### News From the Hill: April 20, 2018

The community held its annual Capitol Hill Advocacy Day as the official start of the *Translational Science* meeting in Washington, DC. The event continues to grow and this year marked the largest advocacy day yet with over 200 volunteer advocates participating. Senior and young investigators from institutions across the country visited Capitol Hill together and met with the offices of nearly 100 Senators and Representatives.



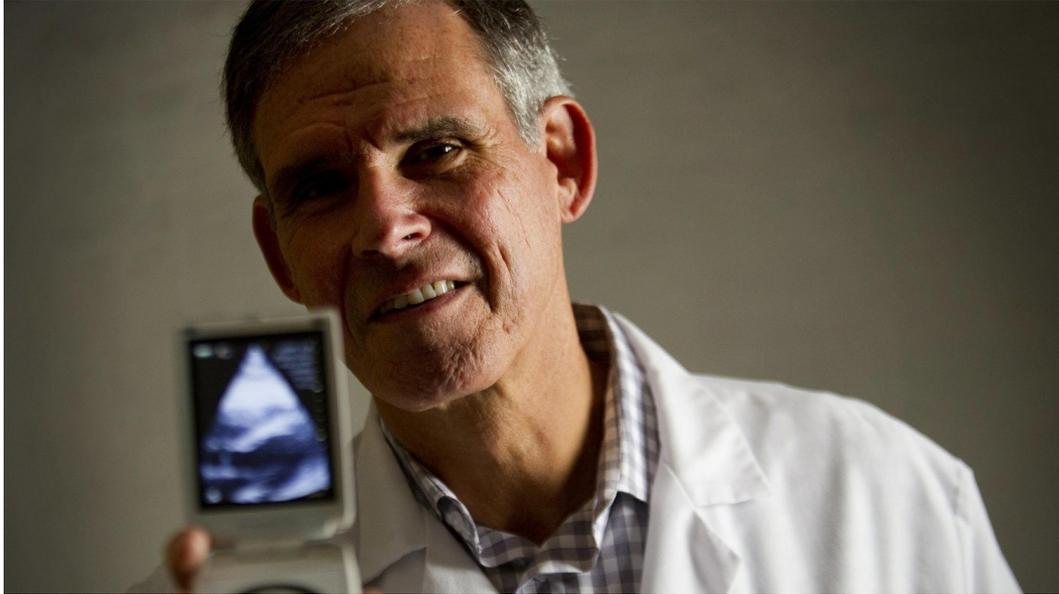
As the community's presence on Capitol Hill has grown, so has the congressional commitment to the full spectrum of medical research. When Congress finalized appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the allocations exceed the community's expectations. While advocates had asked for at least a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and meaningful funding increases for the Institutional Development Awards, Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA), and Research Centers in Minority Institutions programs, Congress ultimately provided a \$3 billion increase along with significant investment in the aforementioned programs.

For this year's Hill Day, advocates sought to thank congressional offices for their commitment to funding clinical and translational research. Advocates also asked offices to maintain this reinvigorated funding effort through the ongoing FY 2019 appropriations process. Congressional offices responded by stressing that FY 2019 funding would be more challenging, but the enthusiasm remains for additional increases for medical research programs. Congressional staff were also particularly interested in research training and career development opportunities and asking young investigators about the challenges they have experienced as well as their career path.

Congressional staff were also interested in community feedback on oversight of the CTSA program. Numerous questions were asked related to how the administration of additional funding and overall grants had impacted particular institutions, ongoing projects, and local training opportunities. In addition to support for NIH, congressional offices also responded positively to requests to ensure additional funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as well as support for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

If you would like to participate in advocacy efforts or simply learn more about relevant legislative and policy issues, you can join the CCTS listserv by contacting [christiansen@hmcw.org](mailto:christiansen@hmcw.org), and participate in our monthly advocacy call.

## Translational Science Today



### Scripps Translational Science Institute gets \$34 million

The National Institutes of Health has awarded a grant of over \$34 million to the Scripps Translational Science Institute to apply digital and genomic technologies to health care. It is the third such grant to the institute from the NIH.

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