

Letter From the JCTS Editor

Are you a translational scientist?

Recently, an international group of investigators who are part of the [Translation Together](#) consortium defined the ideal characteristics of a *translational scientist*. Recall that translational science is the field of investigation that endeavors to systematically understand each step of the translational process. The seven characteristics of a translational scientist were:



Boundary crosser: breaks down silos to collaborate broadly.

Domain expert: has deep disciplinary expertise in one or more of the translational phases.

Team player: recognizes and engages in team science to understand and advance translation.

Process innovator: seeks to understand and improve processes underlying the transitions from one translational phase to another.

Skilled communicator: can “translate” research effectively to stakeholders across the various domains of translation.

Systems thinker: can analyze and navigate the internal and external dynamics that impact the translational process.

Rigorous researcher: adheres to high standards of rigor, reproducibility, and transparency.

These characteristics might resonate with you, as a translational scientist. JCTS exists to advance translational science and to help inform and educate translational scientists around the globe. Our [latest issue](#) contains examples of domain expertise, process innovation, rigor in translational science, and more. Collectively, the work published by JCTS reflects all of the characteristics described above and we aspire to play an increasingly essential role in the future of translational scientists.

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Editor-in-Chief Search for the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

The Journal of Clinical and Translational Science (JCTS) is accepting applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief. The current editor of the JCTS will be stepping down at the end of the calendar year.

All candidates for the position of Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science are asked to respond to the [candidate questionnaire](#) and provide a curriculum vitae to info@actscience.org by **July 31, 2019**.

Please visit the [ACTS Website](#) for more information. For additional information about the JCTS, candidates are welcome to contact JCTS Editor-in-Chief George Mashour (gmashour@med.umich.edu) and ACTS Publications Committee Chair Barry Coller (collerb@mail.rockefeller.edu).

Special Interest Groups

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The current ACTS SIGs include:

- BERD (Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design)
- Clinical Research Professional Taskforce (CRPT)
- Education Administrators and Coordinators
- Evaluation
- Partners for the Advancement of Community Engaged Research (PACER)
- Regulatory Science
- Research Operations and Administration

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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: July 19, 2019

The possibility of progress in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations emerged when the White House indicated a need to work with Congress to increase the nation's debt limit. The legislative package that is currently being negotiated would include both debt ceiling relief and a budget caps deal. Once a budget caps deal is finalized, the Senate will have the top-line funding numbers that they have been waiting on to markup their twelve outstanding spending bills.



The House has largely completed its appropriations work and advanced meaningful funding increases for medical research and patient care programs (with the notable exception of CTSAs).

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Translational Science Today



Study reveals genetic similarities of osteosarcoma...

BOSTON, Mass., and PHOENIX, Ariz., (July 19, 2019)-A bone cancer known as osteosarcoma is genetically similar in dogs and human children, according to the results of a study published today by Tufts University and the Translational Genomics...

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