**Save the Date!**

**July 12**
*How to win basic government science grants*
Presented by MATTER

**July 19**
*An Affective Neuroscience Model of Prenatal Health Behavior Change*
Presented by Dr. Suena Massey

**July 20**
*REDCap office hours*
Consultation with REDCap support team

**July 21 & August 4**
*REDCAP new project owner intro session*
Training for those taking on a new project

**August 3**
*Nitro Study Tracker basic & policy training update*
Answers to frequently asked "how-to" questions

**September 16**
*Informed Consent Workshop*
Hosted by Lurie Children's and UIC

**September 29**
*CCH Seminar*
Presented by Consuelo Wilkins, MD, MSCI

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**NEWS**

**Stakeholder feedback gives new life to clinical trial recruitment**
While seeking to improve recruitment for a clinical trial, one study team decided to get feedback. Click [here](#) to see how a Stakeholder Academic Research Panel (ShARP) has helped their recruitment efforts.

**Seed grants lay foundation for community-academic partnerships**
From technology interventions for homeless youth to building partnerships with barbershops, community-academic partnerships are helping to improve the health and well-being of the residents of Chicago and beyond. Click [here](#) to learn more about these projects.

**CIRB streamlines IRB approval for one industry sponsored clinical trial**
Click [here](#) to find out how one multi-site industry sponsored trial used a CIRB and what questions you should ask to determine if using a CIRB is right for your study.

**Scientists attend the first Biomedical Data Science Day**
The first Biomedical Data Science Day provided an opportunity for research collaboration and networking for faculty, staff and students. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**ChicagoCHEC announces Catalyst & Incubator Grant Recipients**
The awards were given to research teams that proposed novel approaches to addressing cancer disparities. Click [here](#) to learn more about these projects.
September 30
6th annual Feinberg Medical Education Day
The event will include workshops, awards and presentations.

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NUCATS can help
NUCATS offers a variety of services for investigators and research teams. Click here to learn more about the resources available and request a consultation.

What do you think?
Share your feedback about the newsletter. Do you like the stories? What would you like to read about more? Click here to tell us.

Galter plays role in development of new recommended practices
The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) is in the final stages of the Alternative Metrics Initiative. Click here to see how Galter staff are participating in this initiative.

SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chicago State University's Science Immersion Program participants
Four Chicago State University graduate students are gaining hands-on experience in labs at Northwestern University. Click here to learn more.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Alvin H. Baum Clinical Simulation Research Grants Initiative
Funding for simulation projects that explore an innovative hypothesis or address critical barriers to reliable healthcare at Northwestern Medicine.

  - Funding: Two awards up to $50,000
  - Deadline: Extended to July 19

Integrating Cost-of-Care Resources into Clinical Workflow
The Robert Wood Foundation is offering grants to explore best practices for workflow integration, to help inform the development and refinement of tools, guides and resources for improving patient and clinical communication around costs and high-value care.

  - Funding: $250,000
  - Deadline: July 27

Inter-institutional Collaborative Research on Premature Birth
The March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center is seeking proposals from investigators at Northwestern, Duke and University of Chicago that address a novel question related to mechanisms of spontaneous preterm birth.

  - Funding: up to $90,000 ($30,000 per institution)
  - Deadline: August 1

Heart Innovation Forum Challenge
The American Heart Association in Chicago is currently accepting applications for a business competition for early-stage companies developing heart disease and stroke technology or technology related to general chronic disease, population health.

  - Funding: $25,000
  - Deadline: August 10

Dixon Translational Research Grants Young Investigator Award
This opportunity will support early career faculty in conducting original and innovative clinical and translational research.

  - Funding: $35,000
  - Deadline: August 15

Dixon Translational Research Grant in Innovation
Funding for highly innovative, multi-disciplinary clinical and translational research collaborations to facilitate research that can make a meaningful impact in medical science at a national level.

  - Funding: $50,000
  - Deadline: August 15
Measuring the impact of your research
There are many metrics that can be used to measure the impact of one's research. While each metric looks at a different scope of research impact, there isn't a single metric that illustrates all the aspects of research.

In June, Kristi Holmes, PhD, Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Director of Galter Health Sciences Library, participated as faculty at the training course on Health Research Impact Assessment at Alberta Innovates Health Solutions. During this course, Holmes provided guidance on measuring research impact through publications.

Click here to learn about choosing metrics as well as a new tool for evaluating bibliometrics.

**INVESTIGATOR TIP**

It's more than a signature: How to properly obtain a written consent
The informed consent process is not just asking a potential study participant to complete a written consent form, but rather it is about ensuring that an individual has appropriate information about the study they are agree to participate in.

This means that participants should:
- Have adequate information concerning the study
- Have adequate opportunity to consider all options
- Receive responses to their questions
- Comprehended information provided
- Voluntarily agree to participate
- Continue to receive information, if necessary

The consent process should provide ample opportunity for the investigator and the participant to exchange information and for the study participant to ask questions. A written consent form, containing all the information that will be disclosed, must be signed by the study participant or their Legal Authorized Representative and copy must be provided as a reference.

Note: Use of a Legally Authorized Representative (surrogate) for obtaining consent for minors or participants who are cognitively or medically incapacitated requires prior IRB approval.

For more information on informed consents, click here.