June 2016

Save the Date!

June 9 & 23
REDCap new project owner intro session
A training for new users

June 10
Biomedical Data Science Day
Learn more about big data and analytics

June 15
REDCap office hours
Consult with the REDCap support team

June 20
1st Mondays seminar series
A program for early career faculty

July 6
Study Tracker basic & policy

NEWS

NUCATS faculty and staff collaborate to enhance research networking
Research-networking tools can be incredibly helpful to investigators who aim to build multi-disciplinary research teams. The NUCATS team is helping to enhance one of these tools, VIVO. Click here to learn more.

Teaching research design and study methods to research coordinators
To better equip the clinical and translational science workforce, Denise Scholtens, PhD, and her team are developing Research Design and Methodology Program (RAMP) for Study Coordinators. Click here to learn more.

New GCP Training Requirement presented at national
training update
Become familiar with using the software

July 7-9
5th annual Chicago Cardiovascular Update
presented by Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute

July 14-15
CRC basic training
Training for clinical research coordinators

Sept. 16
Informed Consent Workshop
Hosted by Lurie Children's and UIC

Sept. 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 meeting
Sharon Rosenberg, MD, and Nicole Masen, MSEd, presented during at the annual ACRP Meeting & Expo. Click here to learn more.

New resource: Tips for getting a job as a clinical research coordinator
NUCATS has developed a list of resources to help future clinical resource coordinators gain the skills needed to enter the clinical and translational science workforce. Click here to learn more.

SPOTLIGHT
Meet Moeun Son, MD, MSCI student
Moeun Son, MD, is a student in the NUCATS Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) Program and a second-year fellow. Click here to learn more about Dr. Son's research.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIH Big Data to Knowledge Awards
Awards are available for investigators at various of stages of their research career who have an interest in Big Data.

Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Fellowship
An award for those engaged in biological or medical research with less than one year of postdoctoral research experience.

- Funding: up to $156,000 over three years
- Deadline: July 1

Joan F. Giamblavo Fund for the Advancement of Women
An award with the goal of promoting women in the medical profession and strengthening the ability of the American Medical Association to identify and address the needs of women physicians and medical students.

- Funding: $10,000
- Deadline: July 31

Chicago Biomedical Consortium catalyst award
Funding for one or two year new inter-institutional collaborative research projects in the broad area of Systems Biology.

- Funding: up to $250,000
- Deadline: Aug. 12
RESOURCES CORNER

4 updates to NIH grant applications

Recently the NIH has made updates to grant application requirements in an effort to increase reproducibility through rigor and transparency.

The 4 new areas of focus include:

1. **Scientific premise**: Describing the general strengths and weakness of published research or preliminary data.

2. **Scientific rigor**: Demonstrated by showing the strict application of scientific methods ensuring robust and unbiased experimental design, methodology and analysis.

3. **Consideration of relevant biological variables**: This includes sex, age, weight and underlying health conditions. The Women's Health Resource Center has developed a [Research Toolbox](#) to help address the role of sex in research.

4. **Authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources**: This includes cell lines, specialty chemicals, antibodies and other biologics.

The NIH has published an [explanation of the new policies](#) and an [FAQ document](#) to help investigators comply with the new policy.

INVESTIGATOR TIP

**Use the Illinois Women’s Health Registry as a recruitment tool**

Are you trying to recruit more women into a research study? The [Women’s Health Research Institute](#) has developed a resource, the [Illinois Women’s Healthy Registry (IWHR)](#), to do just that.

The IWHR will query it’s database for potential study participants and contact the women who meet a study’s criteria. After that, study teams will receive the contact information for the women for additional follow-up.

There are 7,000 women enrolled and more women continue to sign up. Upon enrolling, each woman completes a comprehensive survey regarding their family history and mental and physical health.

Click [here](#) to access the IWHR.