Save the Date!

March 8
PubMed training
An intro to searching MEDLINE

March 9
Lifespan DTF
Single Disease Work Group
Webinar: Lifespan approach to rare diseases
Moderated by Dr. Susanna McColley with a presentation by Dr. Robert Liem

EndNote training
Learn to use the software for bibliographic references

NUCATS helps investigator launch pediatric brain tumor research

A year and a half ago, Amanda Saratsis, MD, finished her clinical fellowship at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. As a new attending physician, she faced the challenge of not only establishing herself as a pediatric neurosurgeon but also as a translational research scientist investigating pediatric brain tumors. Click here to read how she is building a strong foundation as an investigator.
Advancing clinical and translational science with pilot awards

NUCATS has awarded pilot funding to the following investigators: Debra Weese-Mayer, MD; John Gottlieb, MD; Amanda Saratsis, MD; Erin Hsu, PhD and Alexander Stegh, PhD. Click here to learn about the innovative research the awardees are conducting.

Register for Enhancing Quality in the Translational Research Workforce (EQuaTR) Conference

All clinical and translational research professionals are invited to the EQuaTR Conference on Wednesday, May 11 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Click here for more information about the conference and to register.

Apply now: Funding available for engineers, data scientists and pediatricians to collaboratively improve child and adolescent health

The NUCATS TL1 is a novel training program that seeks to promote interactions among both mentors and trainees in both pediatrics and engineering. Click here for more information or to apply.

NUCATS participates in NIH Twitter chat

In recognition of Rare Disease Day, the National Institutes of Health hosted a Twitter chat to discuss rare diseases. NUCATS associate director for child health, Dr. Susanna McColley, participated in the chat along with individuals with rare diseases and members of nonprofit organizations and other research institutions. To view the chat, search #NIHChat on Twitter. Don't forget to follow NUCATS on Twitter @NUCATSIInstitute for the latest news.

SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ginne Meyers, TL1 senior program coordinator program

Ginne Meyers assists TL1 leadership in developing and implementing the new training program. Click here to learn more about Ginne's role in launching this innovative program.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium awards
program
The awards program is seeking proposals for pharmaceutical research related to autoimmune disease.
- Letter of intent deadline: March 18
- Full application deadline: June 17
- Funding: Maximum of $400,000 per proposal

Research design Analysis Methods Program
Methodology Challenge
Apply for funding to study broadly generalizable and important biostatistical, epidemiological and research design (BERD)-related problems in clinical and translational research.
- Deadline: April 1
- Funding: Approximately $38,000

Eleanor Wood Prince Grants Initiative
The grant supports investigators in the development of independent research projects and serves a springboard for future projects.
- Deadline: April 1
- Funding: $25,000

Rapid assessment of Zika virus complications
Provides an expedited funding mechanism for research on Zika virus.
- Deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis beginning April 20
- Funding amount: $270,000 over two years

Gerber Foundation-Pediatric research projects
Funding for health and/or nutrition-related research having a significant impact on issues facing children from birth to age three.
- Deadline: June 1, 2016 (concept paper)

Improving diabetes management in pre-teens, adolescents and/or young adults with Type 1 diabetes
The goal of the grant is to develop, refine and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management.
- Deadline: June 22
- Funding: $1.4 million over four years
NUCATS can help

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

RESOURCE CORNER

Enhance the visibility of your research internationally

DigitalHub is a new repository for scholarly outputs from Northwestern Medicine investigators. Here are 6 reasons to start adding your work to DigitalHub:

1. Track views and downloads of your research
2. Make it easier for fellow investigators to find your work and cite it accurately
3. Enable discovery and higher citation use because DigitalHub is trawled by Google
4. Assign persistent unique identifiers (DOIs) to your work to monitor data sharing
5. Increase your scholarly footprint by adding non-traditionally published outputs such as research papers, case reports, posters, educational materials, and conference presentations
6. Share instructional presentations, handouts, syllabi and other course materials openly beyond the time limit of the semester. Save a snapshot in time of your course, or keep the materials up for learners to refer back to, by making them available in DigitalHub.

Still have questions? Or maybe you're ready to start adding materials to DigitalHub now? Contact the Galter Library's DigitalHub Team, DigitalHub@northwestern.edu or visit DigitalHub.

INVESTIGATOR TIP

How a strong and engaged advisory board can help with your research

Many grant applications, especially those focusing on patient centered outcomes research, require or encourage investigators to form community, stakeholder, and/or patient advisory boards. Input from community advisory boards can greatly improve a research project's design, implementation, recruitment and retention, and informed consent process. They can also improve community perception and support of a study and develop a bridge between a research study and the study population(s).
With close partnerships with diverse group of community and faith-based and patient organizations, as well as community healthcare practice sites across Chicagoland, CCH may be to help by connecting you to individuals in the community who can provide valuable insight as you design, conduct and disseminate research. In addition, CCH can also provide advice on building relationships and engaging board members.

Contact CCH with questions or for assistance or attend one of the following events: Forming and supporting community advisory boards for research workshop or Guidance for serving on community advisory boards for research webinar.