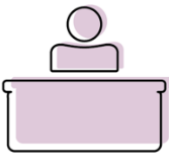


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – MARCH 2023



As we transition into Spring (hopefully very soon), we reflect on the exciting developments and enthusiasm within the CCTST. As the marine biologist Rachel Carson once said, "Spring is a time of plans and projects." This is certainly true for the CCTST and very timely call to action as we embark on the renewal of our CTSA submission this fall. With this in mind, we are eager to share updates on our ongoing efforts, new leadership, incoming K scholars and plans for writing in the coming months. We are also pleased to announce that the CCTST will also be hosting meet and greets to discuss dissemination and implementation strategies that will be critically important in the renewal. These events provide valuable opportunities for our members to network and collaborate with fellow researchers. Finally, continuing this theme of "Spring Plans and Projects," as part of our response to the CTSA funding announcement, CTSA's can propose and support translational science research projects that develop new methods that address translational barriers, ranging from widely recognized national issues, to local or regional problems. We are seeking specific project ideas that will address a truly significant roadblock in clinical and translational science (CTS) for consideration of inclusion of the project in the CTSA application. Projects can range between \$125K and \$250K a year for up to 3 years.

The CCTST is excited to announce new leadership for the Center for Improvement Science (CIS) team. Please join us in congratulating Drs. Jennifer Molano and Brittany Rosen on their new positions within the CIS core! [Jennifer Molano, MD](#), has been an active member of the CIS core, serving as Team Science faculty since 2018 and joining the CIS as associate director under Dr. Jack Kues' leadership in 2021. Upon Dr. Kues' recent retirement, Dr. Molano was named **co-director of the CIS and director of Collaboration and Team Science**. The CCTST also welcomes [Brittany Rosen, PhD, MEd](#), who has been named **co-director of CIS and director of evaluation**, overseeing evaluation initiatives for all CCTST cores. To learn more about Drs. Molano and Rosen, [please click here](#).

We are pleased to **announce the incoming K Scholars**, who will officially begin the program in April 2023:

Katie Phillips, MD, UC, Division of Rhinology, Allergy and Anterior Skull Base Surgery
Project Title: Translational endotyping of chronic rhinosinusitis
Mentored By: Gurjit Khurana Hershey, MD, PhD, CCHMC, Division of Asthma Research

Chidiogo Anyigbo, MD, MPH, CCHMC, Division of General and Community Pediatrics
Project Title: Socio-Contextual Influences of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Mentored By: Robert Ammerman, PhD, ABPP, CCHMC, Division of Behavioral Medicine & Clinical Psychology; Robert Kahn, MD, MPH, CCHMC, Division of General and Community Pediatrics

Meera Kotagal, MD, MPH, CCHMC, Division of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery
Project Title: Community-Engaged Approach to Addressing Child Injury
Mentored By: Andrew Beck, MD, MPH, FAAP, CCHMC, Division of General and Community

Pediatrics; Carley Riley, MD, MPP, MHS, CCHMC, Division of Critical Care Medicine; Richard A. Falcone, Jr., CCHMC, UC, Division of Pediatric General and Thoracic Surgery

Shinsmon Jose, Msc., PhD, UC, Division of Infectious Diseases

Project Title: Targeted drug delivery to limit luminal neutrophils in *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI)

Mentored By: Rajat Madan, MD, PhD, UC, Division of Infectious Diseases

The [Community Engagement Core](#) Speaker Series took place on December 8, 2022, with a focus on community-based approaches to mental and behavioral health among at-risk youth. In addition to the keynote address, ***Engagement and Data to Improve Behavioral Health and Well-being Among Youth***, the event recognized the **2022 CCTST Community Awardees:**

- **Practice-Based Research Awardee:**
 - Post COVID-19 Clinic Team at The Christ Hospital
- **Academic-Community Research Partnership Awardees:**
 - EMPOWER: Empowering Mothers and Providers and Other Stakeholders to Weigh in as Experts in Research in partnership with Dr. Nichole Nidey (Assistant Professor, Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology; CCHMC)
 - Caracole in partnership with Dr. Daniel Arendt (Assistant Professor, UC College of Pharmacy)
- **Academic-Community Partnership Student Awardee:**
 - Cathrin Green, PhD (Psychology Resident, Division of Behavioral Medicine and Clinical Psychology) in partnership with the First Ladies for Health Initiative
- **Integrating Special Populations Awardees:**
 - Dr. Meron Hirpa, Cincinnati Health Department
 - Dr. Melanie Myers, Dr. Michelle McGowan, Kristin Childers-Buschle: The Engaging Adolescents Research Study at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Division of Human Genetics
- **Dr. Anita L. Brentley Community Health Advocate Awardee:**
 - Mona Jenkins, Co-Founder & Executive Officer of Queen Mother's Market

In an effort to expand Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Science capabilities within UC and CCHMC and to establish a D&I Science research community across these institutions, **the CCTST is sponsoring two meet and greet sessions on Tuesday, March 14th to bring together researchers with interest and expertise in the field.** A virtual session is planned from 10:00AM-12:00PM and a face-to-face session from 2:00PM-4:00PM. All are welcome to attend either one, and no prior knowledge or experience in D&I Science is needed. Both sessions will be capped at 25 attendees, so please register early. Refreshments will be provided at the in-person session. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Processes and Methods (Step 1) applications are due March 17. For program details, please [click here](#).