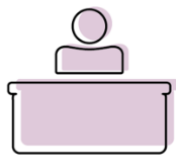


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – MAY 2024



Dear CCTST community,

The co-leads and writing team of the CCTST underwent our 2nd phase of strategic planning, as we continue to shift our focus from clinical and translational research to clinical and translational science. As part of our evolution into a **clinical and translational science learning system**, we gathered for a full day of refining our processes, defining process improvement needs, and identifying the leaders of various areas. This work will help ensure we are well aligned with our vision to be an integrated system catalyzing innovative clinical and translational science and training to drive excellent and equitable health outcomes. As one line of improvement, we are revamping our entire web presence with a new website dedicated to the resources, services, and expertise of the CCTST. This redesign includes input from stakeholders and CCTST cores to be able to deliver high quality information and access to our resources. Keep your eyes peeled for the “launch” this summer.

Opportunities and reminders:

We are excited to introduce the new Undergraduate Certificate in Clinical & Translational Science (CTS), starting in fall 2024! The undergraduate certificate program will be offered through the UC College of Medicine. The competency-based program is geared towards current UC undergraduates and requires four courses that will introduce students to critical CTS topics such as Good Clinical Practice, participant recruitment, data collection and management, study site management, clinical trials, research ethics, regulatory processes, project management, and team science. The program includes two paid internship experiences: one as a patient care assistant at the UC Medical Center and a second one as a clinical research assistant at UC or CCHMC. The goal of the program is to prepare graduates to enter the workforce as clinical research professionals. Students who are interested can visit the [website](#) to learn more (fall applications are due July 1), and research units who are interested in hosting student interns should contact the Program Director, [Dr. Jackie Knapke](#), or Associate Director, [Michelle Marcum](#).

Applications for our **Just-in-Time Grant Program (cycle 2)** are due **June 3rd**. For RFA and program details, [click here](#).

Please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance to you.

All our best,

Jessica, Jareen, Jeff, and Achala