

# Collaboration & Multi-Disciplinary Team Science (CMDTS)

#### **Purpose**

The goal of Collaboration & Multi-Disciplinary Team Science is to promote collaboration and team science among investigators at all four Georgia CTSA institutions and beyond.

#### **Programs**

#### Collaboration and Team Science Brochure

To reach this goal the Collaboration & Multi-Disciplinary Team Science team creates and collates collaboration and networking opportunities provides team science training, organizes mentoring activities, and enhances the recognition of team science with events such as:

# Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference

The annual conference brings together researchers from across the region to present the best new clinical and translational research and build collaborative partnerships; to allow attendees to network with national leaders and NIH staff in translational science and education, share research with others, and develop new collaborations.

# Team Science and Diversity Awards

Georgia CTSA offers four awards for investigators and staff:

- <u>Presidents' Award of Distinction for Team Science</u>
- Team Science Award of Distinction for Early Stage Research Teams
- <u>Faculty Excellence in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Clinical/Translational</u> Science Award
- <u>Staff Excellence in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Clinical/Translational</u>
   Science Award

The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the annual Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Conference.

#### **TEAMS Mentoring Program**

The Georgia CTSA TEAMS (Translational Education and Mentoring in Science) Program provides faculty, postdocs, and clinical fellows from our member institutions the opportunity to develop professional skills in the areas of translational and clinical research, with special emphasis on multidisciplinary teams. This innovative, cohort-based model takes a three-pillared approach to mentoring and includes learning communities, 1:1 mentoring, as well as training and resources.

#### **Blue Sky Groups**

Blue Sky Groups are convened to discuss common research areas and identify potential areas of collaboration. These groups meet once to discuss a broad topic, and then future meetings are organized based on interests and potential outcomes. Due to the format of these sessions, space is limited to a maximum of 20 participants to ensure effective interaction.

#### Georgia CTSA Blue Sky Collaboration Mini Grant

The Georgia CTSA Collaboration Grant promotes the formation of multidisciplinary research teams within the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA). This pilot grant will be presented to a newly forming multi-disciplinary research team to help kick-start their collaboration leading to innovative and impactful advances in clinical and translational science and will receive \$1,500 towards their nascent collaboration.

# **Georgia CTSA Match**

The Georgia CTSA Match platform encourages meaningful collaboration, by pairing researchers based on similar interests. These matches will allow you to build networking opportunities, acting as a catalyst to spur your research forward. Create your profile and receive your matches!

#### **Grant Wise**

Grant Wise is a service that offers the opportunity for one-on-one feedback from experienced senior faculty (aka consultants) to junior faculty on grant writing. Interested faculty and trainees submit an online request for a consultation and are then paired with a senior faculty member from our list of volunteer consultants.

### Research Opportunities & Collaboration Support (ROCS) Searchable Database

In an effort to promote collaboration and team science among investigators, we have compiled opportunities currently available to researchers across Georgia that support clinically-related research. Explore this searchable database for specific cores, courses, collaborative funding opportunities, and programs that may be of interest to you. You can sort, filter, and search by institution, intended audience, or keywords.

#### **Speed Networking**

Participants are given the opportunity to make a 3-4 minute presentation to potential collaborators from both clinical and basic science backgrounds. Be careful! If you exceed the allotted amount of time you are gonged off the stage! Participants are also welcome to come as observers rather than presenters.

#### Team Science Toolkit

Science is becoming more and more team-based! Engaging in team science has become crucial to a successful scientific career. This toolkit provides resources, guides, and connections that will provide insight and help you explore the translational impact of your research.

# **Team Science Workshops**

Establishing and maintaining a productive research team is a difficult challenge across all stages of an academic career. The science of good teamwork is universal, from incorporating graduate students and post-docs to your first research team to crossing boundaries in the creation and maintenance of an interdisciplinary expert team. We offer a workshop that aims to develop the skills necessary to build and maintain your research team by leveraging research on existing teams.