Clinical Research Scholars Program (CRSP)

Applications from all CTSI partnering institutions are NOW being accepted!

**Application Deadline: March 31st**

Application materials can be found at: [www.mcw.edu/scholars](http://www.mcw.edu/scholars)

For more information contact:
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This NIH-funded program is designed to support the research career development of junior faculty at all partnering CTSI institutions. Most of the program graduates have successfully applied for external research grant funding. Sixteen scholars will be accepted for admission into the program in fall 2011.

Click here to view CRSP flyer.

CTSI Joins the CTSA Midwest Consortium

**We’re on the map!**

With an emphasis on educational issues and a goal of sharing resources, best practices and facilitating collaboration, members of the Midwest Consortium (MC) partner to strengthen clinical research education programs, mentoring, and career development opportunities for scholars.

The MC annual meetings are devoted to enhancing scientific research education and collaboration for K12 and KL2 scholars. The MC provides a unique opportunity for scholars, mentors and program leadership to focus on addressing specific challenges and opportunities in conducting research in the Midwest.

The MC Consortium includes representatives from regional CTSI and K2 institutions and from institutions in Institutional Development Award (IDeA) states.

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**Save The Date**

**CTSI Spotlight on Translational Science Seminar**

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**Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Open House**

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Exploring the Metabolic Syndrome Workshop:

Basic Mechanisms, Clinical Implications and Community Impact

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This workshop was aimed towards investigators who were interested in sharing their ongoing Metabolic Syndrome research, facilitating collaborations among investigators at all CTSI partnering institutions, developing new opportunities for collaboration with community and industry partners, and seeking to identify and promote potential mentors.

Dr. David Harder (center) and Theodore Kotchen (far right) presented Dr. Kissebah (far left) with a plaque signed by Dr. Reza Shaker, Director CTSI.

The plaque read:

"On this 9th day of February 2011, the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute are presenting this token of appreciation for your seminal descriptions of gynecoid and android obesity, your sustained commitment to identify the genetic determinants of obesity, and your leadership as a clinical investigator."

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Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Open House

Open House for Certificate & Masters Programs

Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2011  Time: 4:30–6:00 pm  Place: Medical College of Wisconsin
HRC Alumni Center

Register Today!
Go to: www.mcw.edu/open house
(Detailed information sent after registering)

Featured Programs:
- MA Bioethics
- MS Bioinformatics
- Clinical & Translational Science
- Healthcare Technologies Management
- Medical Informatics
- Master of Public Health

Certificate Programs:
- Clinical Bioethics
- Research Ethics
- Bioethics & Public Health

CTSI Spotlight on Translational Science Seminar

Featured Speakers:
Kevin R. Regner, MD, FASN (MCW)
“Role of 20-HETE in Acute Kidney Injury”

David C. Brousseau, MD, MS (MCW)
“Acute Care Use and Re-hospitalizations in Sickle Cell Disease”

J. Carson Smith, PhD (UWM-Milw)
“Effects of Walking Exercise on White Matter Integrity in Amnestic Mild Cognitive Impairment”

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011  Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
Place: MACC Building Room #3075

Registration is Required by March 11th
RSVP to Chaunte Erby:
Phone: (414) 955-8200  Email: cerby@mcw.edu

CTSI Helps Investigator Achieve Heart Grant Award

Dr. Kidambi to Receive National Clinical Research Program Grant

Srividya Kidambi, MD, MS
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Medical College of Wisconsin
Phone: (414) 456-4843
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About the Grant
The objective of this grant is to encourage early career investigators who have appropriate and supportive mentoring relationships to engage in high quality introductory and pilot clinical studies that will guide future strategies for reducing cardiovascular disease and stroke while fostering new research in Clinical and Translational Science, and encouraging community and population-based activities.

Role: Principal Investigator

“Impact of Gender, Insulin Resistance and Adiposity on Endothelial Function Among African Americans”

The goal of this study is to determine if subcutaneous adipose tissue protects vascular function on African American women.

Funds from this grant will be used for subject recruitment, reimbursements and part of laboratory analyses.

I want to let CTSI know that this grant award would not have been possible without your unending support and encouragement.

Thank you CTSI so very much!
Vidya
Welcome Additions to the CTSI

Carlos De la Pena, MBA, MHA  
CTSI Administrator  
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Carlos De la Pena has been named CTSI Administrator by Reza Shaker, MD, Director CTSI. In collaboration with the CTSI senior leadership team, the CTSI Administrator implements and manages the administrative, financial and regulatory infrastructure for the successful operation of the CTSI. De la Pena comes to the College from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas where he served as Associate Director of the Clinical and Translational Research Center since 2005. In this role, he implemented a new clinical research initiative for the center, oversaw the day-to-day operations of five clinical sites, managed all aspects of the clinical trials office, and managed a $37 million budget. He has also served as a Clinical Manager for Southwest Medical Center in St. Louis, Director of Operations for La Clinica St. Louis-Community Health Care Centers in St. Louis, and as Supervisor of Campus Operations for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

Sharon Gaynor, RN, BSN  
CTSI Clinical Research Manager  
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The CTSI is pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Gaynor, RN, BSN as the new Adult Translational Research Unit (TRU) Clinical Research Manager. With seven years experience as a research nurse and a strong background in community nursing, Ms. Gaynor has been employed by the County/Froedtert Hospital system almost continuously since 1978 and served as a staff nurse in the former General Clinical Research Center.

CTSI Links of Interest

**Go Viral to Improve Health: IOM-NAE Health Data Collegiate Challenge**

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) have posted a challenge “Go Viral to Improve Health: IOM-NAE Health Data Collegiate Challenge” to spur undergraduate and graduate students to transform health data into effective, innovative new apps to engage people in various communities to promote action in order to improve health and healthcare.

*The challenge can be found at:* [http://health2challenge.org/blog/category/challenges/](http://health2challenge.org/blog/category/challenges/)

**Collaboration Opportunities**

The Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium has established a website where researchers can post requests for needed collaborators to build out an idea or a project and look for opportunities to collaborate with others. You do not have to be at a CTSA institution to post or respond to posts. New collaborations and quicker progress on all projects is the goal.

*Click here to learn more:* [http://www.ctsaweb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=quicklink.showCollabOpps](http://www.ctsaweb.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=quicklink.showCollabOpps)