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To: ICTS Members

What's New with the ICTS? Check out the latest information in these areas of our website (www.icts.wustl.edu):

Success Stories

Dr. David Limbrick Jr MD PhD shares [translational research discoveries](#) leading to a recent grant from the Patient Center Outcomes Research Institute [PCORI](#) to study "Posterior Fossa Decompression with or without Duraplasty for Chiari Type I Malformation with Syringomyelia". The grant will determine the comparative effectiveness of options for this rare surgical procedure through enrollment in [NCT02669836](#). This multicenter RCT study was built on preliminary data obtained through a 2013 [JIT Program award](#) which maximized the value of State Inpatient Databases provided through the [Center for Administrative Data Research \(CADR\)](#).

ICTS Core Highlights

The [Center for Biomedical Informatics \(CBMI\)](#) sponsors an [ICTS Informatics Day](#) on **February 26th** to share informatics initiatives from each of the [ICTS Partner Institutions](#), including any national/international highlights in the field. This networking event will feature presentations from partner informatics representatives and uncover ways to work effectively as a hub to support the ICTS renewal.

SPARC Funding Program Announcement

The ICTS announces collaboration with the Indiana University Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ICTSI) as well as other academic institutions and pharmaceutical companies to offer the [Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium \(SPARC\) Funding Program](#). The SPARC Funding Program provides the opportunity to apply for funds to advance medical knowledge relating to autoimmune diseases and the understanding of autoimmune disease. Awards will provide a total of **\$400,000 with a 2-year maximum duration** for all collaborating institutions. Application instructions are available on the [ICTS website](#), but applications are to be submitted directly to Indiana.

Education and Training (CRTC or Seminars/Workshops)

Looking for an example of an awarded K08 award? Trying to track down info about diversity programs offered at Washington University? Look no further than the Office of Training Grants (OTG) which has developed a **Grants Library** to serve as a centralized resource for grant writers and investigators at various career stages. The site contains:

- Nearly 100 awarded training, career, and research grant applications (NIH, private, and institutional) over the last 5 years including: 41 R Awards; 18 K Awards; 3 F Awards.

- NIH Summary Statements and reviewer panel feedback
- General stock language and proposal templates and tools (e.g. Letters of Support examples, Facilities, Resource Sharing Plans, Responsible Conduct of Research etc.)

To Access (WUSTL Key required): wustl.box.com/wustlgrantslibrary

Help your Fellow Researchers and Share your Funded Grants!

If you would like to share your grant or have any questions about the library please contact Betsy Abente at: babente@dom.wustl.edu.

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- **February 12:** ICTS Operations Committee Meeting
- **February 15:** [Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series](#)
- **February 17:** [Genomics and the Era Personalized Medicine](#)
- **February 17:** [CADR Administrative Data User Seminar Series](#)
- **February 18:** [Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series](#)
- **February 19:** [2016 Women in Innovation & Entrepreneurship Series](#)
- **February 22:** [Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series](#)
- **February 23:** [Research Career Development Program \(formerly Brown Bag\)](#)
- **February 24:** ICTS LINC Meeting
- **February 24:** [Genomics and the Era Personalized Medicine](#)
- **February 26:** [ICTS Informatics Day](#)
- **February 29:** [Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series](#)
- **March 2:** [Genomics and Era of Personalized Medicine](#)
- **March 7:** [Evidence-Based Entrepreneurship Workshop Series](#)
- **March 8:** [CRTC 2015-2016 Career Development Seminar](#)
- **March 9:** [Genomics and the Era of Personalized Medicine](#)
- **March 10:** ICTS Executive Committee Meeting
- **March 10:** [Research Career Development Program \(formerly Brown Bag\)](#)
- **March 11:** [Student One Health Event](#)
- **March 24:** [2016 Women in Innovation & Entrepreneurship Series](#)
- **April 1:** ICTS Operations Committee Meeting