

RESEARCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Thursday, February 24, 2022
4:00 to 5:00 pm
Zoom

Attendees: Elisa Bandera, Adam Berger, Stephen Burley, Chang Chan, Nando Cirelli, David Foran, Shridar Ganesan, Carolyn Heckman, Christian Hinrichs, Howard Hochster, Anita Kinney, Edmund Lattime, Hao Liu, Gina Londino-Greenberg, Renata Pasqualini, Zhiyuan Shen, Ioannis Stasinopoulos, Linda Tanzer, Eileen White, X. F. Steven Zheng, Wei-Xing Zong

Agenda

1. Shared Resources: Bioinformatics and Biostatistics

- See attached presentation.
- The Biostatistics Shared Resource can assist with statistical design for animal studies.
- It was noted that two of the current biostatisticians were very helpful in the Shen/Ganesan/Xia/Bunting P01 grant application and could be engaged for future P01 grant applications.
- It will be important to differentiate the certain support provided by the Biostatistics SR from collaborative assistance provided by Systems Biologists.

2. Monthly Catchment Area Updates

- The COE team is preparing a summary of all the Program Members' data relating to their work that is catchment area relevant, as well as examples of bi-directional communication being conducted with the Research Programs. This information should be available by March 15th.
- The van for the new mobile unit is arriving early. However, the COE team is still awaiting delivery of other supplies (e.g., tables) before the mobile unit will be operational.
 - o High schools, colleges and other organizations with a focus on URGs will participate in a contest for designing the branding of this mobile unit (artwork and slogan).
- The STRIDE Dashboard is operational, and the RLC should let the COE team if they have any suggestions for enhancing it.
- The RFA for Cancer Health Equity pilot awards has been made available. Dr. Kinney hopes that some Basic Research Program Members will apply to these funding mechanisms.
- Members of the CP and CMG Research Programs are needed to participate in the Research Cafés.

3. Developmental Funds Updates and Next Steps (Londino-Greenberg) (15 minutes)

- See attached presentation.
- There was agreement that a pilot award mechanism should be offered that would be targeted to recruiting Members from Princeton University.
- Dr. Berger reported that an RFA to support use of the Biomedical Informatics Shared Resource had recently gone out.
- Dr. Ganesan reported that the first set of translational research pilot awards though the CETI had been given out. He welcomed recommendations for other potential awardees.
- It was advised that certain Population Science research projects should not need to obtain IRB approval in advance of accessing their pilot award funding.
- Similarly, some Basic Research can be conducted that is not animal-related, and so pilot award funding should be accessible in advance of obtaining IACUC approval.

- It was agreed that funding should be made available upon award, and that it can be rescinded if approvals are not obtained in the appropriate amount of time.
- In situations of an award needing to be rescinded, Cancer Center institutional funding can cover whatever had been used, so that the CCSG funding is not used without appropriate approvals.
- A short check-in email should be sent to PIs given pilot awards to conduct human research studies at three months following their initial award, to see if they have applied for the necessary IRB approval.
 - Such a check-in is not necessary for studies involving animal research.
- 4. Updates on CCSG Preparations (Londino-Greenberg) (20 minutes)
 - See attached presentation.
 - Dr. Hochster and Dr. Kinney advised that their teams need to follow a different timeline for finalizing their CCSG components, due to needing the full 2022 calendar year to pull the clinical trials data.
 - The Office of Research Administration will work with Dr. Hochster and Dr. Kinney and their respective teams to identify different timelines for them to follow.
 - Dr. White advised that all CCSG authors should have the BioRender software, as it greatly facilitates creation of graphics.
 - There was agreement that the BioRender licenses obtained through Rutgers Cancer Institute should be provided to the non-resident ADs and Program Leaders.
 - Training in how to use the software should also be offered and any available training documents should be placed on the Microsoft Teams “Page for CCSG Leaders”.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 2022 (4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Zoom)