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Brain scans link physical changes to cognitive risks of widely used class of drugs

Older adults might want to avoid using a class of drugs commonly used in over-the-counter products such as nighttime cold medicines due to their links to cognitive impairment, a research team led by scientists at the [Indiana University School of Medicine](#) has recommended.



Using brain imaging techniques, the researchers found lower metabolism and reduced brain sizes among study participants taking the drugs known to have an anticholinergic effect, meaning they block acetylcholine, a nervous system neurotransmitter.

Previous research found a link between the anticholinergic drugs and cognitive impairment and increased risk of dementia. A new paper published in the journal JAMA Neurology, is believed to be the first to study the potential underlying biology of those clinical links using neuroimaging measurements of brain metabolism and atrophy.

"These findings provide us with a much better understanding of how this class of drugs may act upon the brain in ways that might raise the risk of cognitive impairment and dementia," said Shannon Risacher, Ph.D., assistant professor of radiology and imaging sciences, first author of the paper, "[Association Between Anticholinergic Medication Use and Cognition, Brain Metabolism, and Brain Atrophy in Cognitively Normal Older Adults](#)."

"Given all the research evidence, physicians might want to consider alternatives to anticholinergic medications if available when working with their older patients," Dr. Risacher said.

Drugs with anticholinergic effects are sold over the counter and by prescription as sleep aids and for many chronic diseases including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

[A list of anticholinergic drugs and their potential impact is here.](#)

Scientists have linked anticholinergic drugs cognitive problems among older adults for at least 10 years. A 2013 study by scientists at the IU Center for Aging Research and the Regenstrief Institute found that drugs with a strong anticholinergic effect cause cognitive problems when taken continuously for as few as 60 days. Drugs with a weaker effect could cause impairment within 90 days.

The current research project involved 451 participants, 60 of whom were taking at least one medication with medium or high anticholinergic activity. The participants were drawn from a national Alzheimer's research project -- the [Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative](#) -- and the Indiana Memory and Aging Study.

To identify possible physical and physiological changes that could be associated with the reported effects, researchers assessed the results of memory and other cognitive tests, positron emission tests (PET) measuring brain metabolism, and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans for brain structure.

The cognitive tests revealed that patients taking anticholinergic drugs performed worse than older adults not taking the drugs on short-term memory and some tests of executive function, which cover a range of activities such as verbal reasoning, planning, and problem solving.

Anticholinergic drug users also showed lower levels of glucose metabolism -- a biomarker for brain activity -- in both the overall brain and in the hippocampus, a region of the brain associated with memory and which has been identified as affected early by Alzheimer's disease.

The researchers also found significant links between brain structure revealed by the MRI scans and anticholinergic drug use, with the participants using anticholinergic drugs having reduced brain volume and larger ventricles, the cavities

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inside the brain.

"These findings might give us clues to the biological basis for the cognitive problems associated with anticholinergic drugs, but additional studies are needed if we are to truly understand the mechanisms involved," Dr. Risacher said.

Additional investigators contributing to this research were Brenna C. McDonald, Eileen F. Tallman, John D. West, Martin R. Farlow, Fredrick W. Unverzagt, and Sujuan Gao, IU School of Medicine; Malaz Boustani, IU School of Medicine, Regenstrief Institute and Eskenazi Health; Paul K. Crane, University of Washington; Ronald C. Petersen and Clifford R. Jack Jr., Mayo Clinic; William J. Jagust, University of California-Berkeley; Paul S. Aisen, University of Southern California, San Diego; Michael W. Weiner, University of California-San Francisco; Andrew J. Saykin, IU School of Medicine for the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative.

Data collection and sharing for this project was funded by the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) (National Institutes of Health Grant U01 AG024904) and DOD ADNI (Department of Defense award number W81XWH-12-2-0012).

ADNI is funded by the National Institute on Aging, the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, and through contributions from the following: Alzheimer's Association; Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation; Araclon Biotech; BioClinica, Inc.; Biogen Idec Inc.; Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; Eisai Inc.; Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Eli Lilly and Company; EuroImmun; F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd and its affiliated company Genentech, Inc.; Fujirebio; GE Healthcare; IXICO Ltd.; Janssen Alzheimer Immunotherapy Research & Development, LLC.; Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development LLC.; Medpace, Inc.; Merck & Co., Inc.; Meso Scale Diagnostics, LLC.; NeuroRx Research; Neurotrack Technologies; Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Pfizer Inc.; Piramal Imaging; Servier; Synarc Inc.; and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research is providing funds to support ADNI clinical sites in Canada.

Private sector contributions are facilitated by the [Foundation for the National Institutes of Health](#). The grantee organization is the Northern California Institute for Research and Education. ADNI data are disseminated by the Laboratory for Neuro Imaging at the University of Southern California. ADNI was also supported by NIH grants P30 AG010129, K01 AG030514, and the Dana Foundation.

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Technology Enhancement Award aids advancement of IUSM technologies

During the inaugural ceremony for the Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI) last month, Anantha Shekhar, M.D., Ph.D., executive associate dean for Research Affairs at IUSM and director of Indiana CTSI, announced the winners of the [Technology Enhancement Awards](#), a grant program developed by the ICBI, Indiana CTSI, and IU School of Medicine's [Industry Collaboration Portal](#) to fill a critical gap in commercialization by supporting advanced early stage technologies from IUSM academic labs.

The TEA awards support technologies that include highly promising therapeutics (small molecule or biologics), diagnostics, or biomedical devices to achieve commercial attractiveness.

The TEA proposals were reviewed by a team of eighteen ICBI advisory council members consisting of leaders and entrepreneurs in life sciences arena. The winners are:

- [Milan Radovich, Ph.D.](#), assistant professor of Surgery and Medical and Molecular Genetics, IU School of Medicine, for developing a precision medicine approach to personalized cancer treatment
- [Jian-Ting Zhang, Ph.D.](#), professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Andrew and Peggy Thomson Professor of Hematology/Oncology, IU School of Medicine, for developing novel inhibitors targeting surviving stability for development of targeted anticancer therapeutics
- [Yvonne Lai, Ph.D.](#), senior scientist of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Indiana University-Bloomington, for developing the first drug of its kind to block the target mechanism of PTSD in the brain without triggering others that cause crippling side effects



The TEA awardees will be funded at \$50,000 for 12 months through a milestone-based project management mechanism. In addition, advice and mentorship from ICBI advisory council members will be available for these investigators.

About the ICBI

The Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation, a newly created center located at the IU Health Methodist Hospital Noyes Pavilion, provides a platform for academic entrepreneurs to translate their discoveries into commercial products for health care and ultimately, improved patient care. "ICBI is a unique place for entrepreneurial researchers to transform their ideas and discoveries into products," said Jaipal Singh, Ph.D., director of ICBI. To learn more about the center and its funding opportunities, [visit the ICBI website](#).

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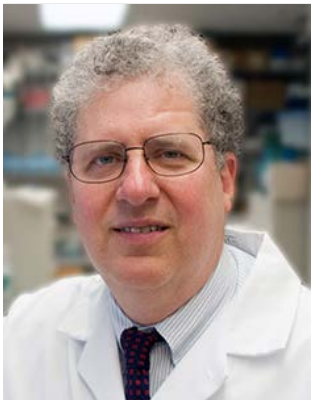
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May 2016 Indiana CTSI Opportunities



CTSI Distinguished Speaker, Bruce Blazar, M.D. to give lecture May 11

The Indiana CTSI distinguished speaker series is pleased to welcome [Bruce R. Blazar, M.D.](#), Regents' professor and chief, Division of Pediatric BMT, associate vice president of Clinical and Translational Science Programs, vice dean for Clinical Investigation, [University of Minnesota Medical School](#).

Dr. Blazar will give his talk, "Preclinical, translational and clinical studies of regulatory T cells to control alloresponses in patients," on Wednesday May 11 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Riley Outpatient Auditorium.

For more information about this talk, contact Carrie Hansel at cahansel@iu.edu.

Synergistic Action to Impact Indiana's Health: A forum created by CHEP and Indiana CTSI

Join the Community Health Engagement Program (CHEP) for the upcoming forum, Synergistic Action to Impact Indiana's Health, at the [Eiteljorg Museum](#) on June 9 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.

This forum, whose goal is to change the culture of health in Indiana, will enable the community, investigators, clinicians and researchers to:

- Meet and connect with others from across the state
- Share experiences, challenges and success
- Learn from and interact with community and university experts
- Impact health on a local, regional and statewide level

Speakers include:

- Anantha Shekhar, M.D., Ph.D., director, Indiana CTSI, executive associate dean for Research Affairs, IU School Medicine
- Sarah Wiehe, M.D., M.P.H., director, CHEP
- Jennifer Walthall, M.D., M.P.H., deputy state health commissioner and director of health outcomes, Indiana State Department of Health, associate professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, IU School of Medicine

The forum will include lunch, beverages and parking. Attendance is free, but registration is required. Visit indianactsi.org/chep to learn more about the forum, view the agenda and register.



Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funding survey

The Indiana CTSI in partnership with the IU School of Nursing is conducting a brief survey to understand your interest and preferences in education offerings about Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funding. This survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and will assist us in planning future educational offerings. We appreciate your feedback so we can best meet your learning needs. [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

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(interface of basic science to human studies) or "T2 research" (interface of human studies to the community). To be eligible, candidates must fall into 1 of the following 2 categories: 1) Clinician-scientists with a doctoral degree (physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, clinical psychologists, optometrists, veterinarians, allied health care professionals, etc.) or 2) Basic scientists with a PhD who are doing translational research, which involves some component of human subjects research and has high potential for early translation in impacting patient care.

CTSI Postdoctoral Training Awards in Translational Research - 2017.01

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - January 13, 2017 (5:00 PM). The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special postdoctoral training awards in translational research. In biomedical terminology, translational research refers to what is popularly termed as "bench to bedside"; the process by which research in the lab translates into patient treatment. Translation may involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices, or both. To be eligible, candidates must have received a PhD or equivalent degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Please refer to the competition guidelines for full eligibility criteria.

Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust - 2017.01

KC ROUTING DEADLINE - January 10, 2017 (5:00 PM).

Since 1975, IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research, eligible for funding, are broad and described by the benefactors as "the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind." Donor intent prohibits the use of Showalter Trust funds for research in psychiatry, sociology, or social studies. Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review by the IUSM Biomedical Research Committee (BRC) will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will then provide a recommended ranking to the Showalter Trustees who conduct a second review. Final funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees. Applications for funding beginning July 1, 2017 must be routed to the Office of Research Administration (ORA) by 5pm on Tuesday, January 10. ORA approved applications should then be uploaded to the CTSI website no later than 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 17. Only current full-time faculty (non-visiting status) having a primary appointment in IUSM and a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust. Note that the same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

Biomedical Research Grant - 2017.01

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - January 10, 2017 (5:00 PM).

The Biomedical Research Grant program is open to all IU School of Medicine (IUSM) faculty that are full-time, regardless of tenure status, having an appointment of Assistant/Associate/Full Professor and Assistant/Associate/Full Scientist. In general, two categories of research projects will benefit from this program: 1) research projects of investigators new to IUSM who do not yet have extramural funding and who need support to acquire the preliminary data necessary to compete for extramural funding; 2) research projects of established IUSM investigators who are between funding periods from extramural sources.

Design and Biostatistics Program (DBP) Pilot Grant - 2017.02

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - DECEMBER 16, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 6, 2017 (5:00 PM)

The Design and Biostatistics Program (DBP) of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is comprised of 8 units with associated expertise: 1) Department of Biostatistics, IU School of Medicine and Fairbanks School of Public Health; 2) Division of Hereditary Genomics, Department of Medical & Molecular Genetics, IU School of Medicine; 3) Computational Biology, Center for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, IU School of Medicine; 4) Department of Epidemiology, Fairbanks School of Public Health; 5) Department of Statistics, Purdue College of Science; 6) Department of Applied & Computational Math & Statistics, Notre Dame School of Science; 7) Department of Statistics, IU Bloomington College of Arts & Sciences; 8) Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, IU Bloomington School of Public Health.

To achieve its objectives and stimulate development for emerging translational research needs, the DBP will fund innovative pilot projects that support methodological research of faculty members in the eight units that comprise the DBP. The total budget for the entire RFA is \$20,000, and it is expected that up to two awards will be funded at approximately \$10,000 per award for a twelve month duration. The objective of this mechanism is to fund research proposals that will synergize methodological strengths and translational biomedical research of the DBP, and in particular, the following types of research proposals:

- Research projects that propose to develop novel methodology (such as biostatistical, epidemiological, genetic, and bioinformatics methods).
- Research projects that match novel methodology with translational science needs.
- Research projects that have high potential to obtain external funding.

Preference will be given to investigators who have not already received extramural funding. Applications to this program are expected to be **\$10,000 per award** and are of **one (1) year duration**.

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CTSI Pre-Doctoral Training in Translational Research - 2016.12

CV SUBMISSION PRIOR TO APPLICATION (via ictsi@purdue.edu) DEADLINE - DECEMBER 5, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - DECEMBER 12, 2016 (4:00 PM)

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special predoctoral training awards in translational research. In biomedical terminology translational research refers to what is popularly termed "bench to bedside", the process by which research in the lab "translates" into patient treatment. Translation may involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of

best practices, or both. These two types of translational research are usually described as consisting of either "T1 research" (basic biomedical research, e.g. study disease at a molecular or cellular level, as it progresses to the development of new treatment options at the clinical level) or "T2 research" (enhancing access to and the adoption of evidence-based strategies in clinical and community practice, institutionalizing programs, products, and services to improve health). These awards are aimed at predoctoral students whose research is at any point along this spectrum. **Funding is for two years (with the 2nd year of funding contingent upon satisfactory progress).** Benefits include a stipend as well as health insurance and partial coverage of tuition and fees.

Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases' Pilot and Feasibility - 2017.03

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - JANUARY 9, 2017 (5:00 PM)

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - MARCH 6, 2017 (5:00 PM)

This funding opportunity announcement invites applications from investigators at Indiana University (IUSM, IUB, etc.), IUPUI, and Purdue. The program will be particularly directed at new investigators and established investigators new to diabetes-related research. The program will also consider established diabetes investigators pursuing high impact/high risk projects or projects that are a significant departure from their usual work. The campuses are ideal for establishing interdisciplinary collaborations and forging new partnerships between basic scientists and clinical researchers, and such collaborations are encouraged. Work supported by these funds is expected to lead to submissions of major extramural grants (R01/equivalent NIH, major foundation awards, DOD, etc.).

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Global Health Research Pilot Projects -2016.12

SUBMISSION DEADLINE – DECEMBER 12, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana CTSI with the IU Center for Global Health is soliciting proposals from applicants developing or currently involved in collaborative global health research projects. The purpose of this RFA is to foster and encourage the development of new collaborative interdisciplinary research that seeks to identify innovations to address key global health challenges and improve health outcomes in resource limited settings. This RFA will fund pilot research projects with: (1) a high potential for attracting new extramural research funding; (2) a focus on strengthening collaborative multidisciplinary research collaborations between Indiana CTSI partner institutions (IU, Purdue, and Notre Dame) and key academic research centers abroad; and (3) an emphasis in key, high-yield, research-related initiatives, including basic and translational sciences research, biobanking, cancer, population focused disease control, informatics and decision support systems, and implementation research dissemination.

Post-Doc Challenge - Funding to Utilize CTSI-Designated Cores - 2017.02

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is soliciting proposals from postdoctoral researchers to develop translational research through the use of technologies and expertise available at the Indiana CTSI-designated core facilities available at all partner institutions. Translational research refers research in the lab that eventually translates into patient treatment to improve human healthcare. Translation involves applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans.

CTSI-designated core facilities are cores that undergo a yearly accreditation process through the Indiana CTSI for all partner institutions. The Postdoc Challenge offers postdoctoral researchers at Indiana University, Indiana University School of Medicine, IUPUI, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame valuable proposal writing and reviewing experience in areas related to translational research through the use of one or more of the CTSI-designated core facilities at any of the partner universities. This is a competitive opportunity for a \$5,000 award in the form of an expense account for use of core facility services. Funding is to be used only for services provided by the core facilities. Indiana CTSI-designated core facilities are listed on the CTSI HUB. (<https://www.indianactsi.org/servicecores>)

Applications to this program are **limited to \$5,000** and are of **one (1) year duration**.

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Adult Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases Research Pilot Grant - 2016.11

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), in conjunction with the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology in the Department of Medicine, is soliciting proposals for pilot projects from investigators to develop and promote translational and transdisciplinary collaborative research projects in adult gastrointestinal and liver diseases. The objective is to fund studies that (a) establish or strengthen already established collaborations between faculty members in the GI Division and investigators from other departments and schools at IUSM, IUPUI and Purdue University; (b) generate preliminary data for extramural funding applications investigating adult GI and liver disorders.

The areas of interest include (a) acute and chronic liver diseases; (b) GI and hepatobiliary malignancy; (c) inflammatory bowel disease; (d) GI motility disorders; (e) chronic abdominal pain; and (f) chronic functional bowel disorders. The proposal should demonstrate tangible evidence that the collaboration will lead to a multiyear federal grant application.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$35,000** and are of **one (1) year duration**. Up to two grants will be awarded per grant cycle.

Indiana Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury Research Fund - 2016.12

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The overall objective of the Indiana Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury Research Fund program is to foster and encourage research for the prevention, treatment and cure of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, including acute management, medical complications, rehabilitative techniques, and neuronal recovery. Collaborations are encouraged between Indiana-based researchers as well as with researchers located outside the state of Indiana, including researchers in other countries. Even though the Indiana statute encourages collaborations with

researchers outside of Indiana, the primary research should be Indiana-based. Collaborations can be between Principal Investigators (PIs) at the same institution, different institutions, or a PI and a company. Salary support for collaborators outside of Indiana will be limited.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$160,000** and are of a **two (2) year duration**, with a \$80,000 per year maximum.

Pilot Funding For Research Use of Core Facilities - 2016.10

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana CTSI Pilot Funding program is intended to promote the use of technologies and expertise afforded by the Indiana CTSI Core Facilities available at all partner institutions. Successful proposals will demonstrate outstanding scientific merit that can be linked to generating extramural funding or novel intellectual property (IP). Success of the program will be viewed, in part, by the fostering of new funded grants or providing significant contributions to grant renewals. Therefore, proposals will be judged with equal measure on scientific merit and the likelihood of generating new IP or extramural grant support.

Indiana University Health Values Fund: Pilot and Feasibility Education Program - 2016.11

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 4, 2016 (5:00 PM)

Indiana University Health's strength in providing excellent patient care is partially based on involvement in the continuous development of new, pre-eminent health care professionals throughout the entire workforce and innovative care delivery models. The Indiana University Health is seeking applicants for the IUH Pilot and Feasibility Education Program. The specific areas of opportunity of the program include the following: 1) Educational efforts in the field of ethics involving students, residents, or staffs; 2) Support for translation or dispersal of knowledge (e.g. library); 3) Education in Health Evaluation and Services, including outcomes evaluation and procedures; 4) Educational efforts especially with residents and staff which address ethical, socioeconomic, medical, legal and cost containment, or other issues affecting medical practice, quality of life, and access to health care; 5) Educational efforts in an ambulatory setting and/or promotion of continuity of care across care settings; 6) Education involving alternate approaches to health care including spirituality, end of life care, etc., or educational efforts which attempt to integrate complementary and traditional medicine in support of providing holistic care; 7) Educational efforts involving delivery of chronic care; 8) Primary care education devoted to holistic care; 9) Education in research principles; 10) Education in the development of and delivery of health promotion projects; 11) Educational efforts in faculty, resident, professional and/or staff development as related to teacher/learner issues; and 12) Education in quality improvement.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$100,000** and are of a **two (2) year duration**, with a \$50,000 per year maximum.

Indiana University Health Values Fund: Pilot and Feasibility Research Program - 2016.11

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - OCTOBER 21, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 4, 2016 (5:00 PM)

Indiana University Health is seeking applicants for the IUH Pilot and Feasibility Research Program. The priority areas of the program include the following areas: 1. Discovery of new knowledge and the development of new diagnostic treatment and prevention modalities to improve patient care outcomes; 2. Promotion of health in the population and the provision of health care of the highest quality to its patients while assisting the hospital to become more efficient; 3. Projects that demonstrates collaboration between the Indiana University Health hospital campuses.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$100,000** and are of a **two (2) year duration**, with a \$50,000 per year maximum.

Indiana University Health Values Fund: Grand Challenge Grant - 2016.11

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - OCTOBER 21, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 4, 2016 (5:00 PM)

This is a relatively new component of the IU Health Values Fund Grant Program. Values Fund expenditures represent an expression of Indiana University Health's seven Core Values. The Grand Challenge is funded in support of the Indiana University Health values. The proposed "Grand Challenge" Values grants will compliment Indiana University Health's strength in providing excellent patient care and health education by adding a new dimension this award round by addressing '*smoking cessation studies as well as projects focusing on behavioral health*'. This new focus further aligns IU Health with the State of Indiana's strategies to combat smoking and behavioral health. Thus, the IU Health Grand Challenge (IUH GC) applications are expected to make a significant impact on key communities served by IU Health and demonstrate how the awards will improve the health outcomes of targeted communities in Indiana and beyond. Grand Challenge proposals will be accepted that focus specifically on population health research on any of the following two topics: 1) Reduce tobacco use and/or exposure to secondhand smoke that scales across the health system, strengthens community partnerships, and advances public health impact of IUH/IUSM; 2) Develop a model of care and necessary workforce to address serious behavioral health problems that can be deployed across the health system and advances IUH/IUSM's public health impact and community partnerships.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$500,000** and are of **two (2) year duration**, with a \$250,000 per year maximum.

Indiana University Health Values Fund: Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Health Care - 2016.11

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - OCTOBER 14, 2016 (5:00 PM)

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 4, 2016 (5:00 PM)

IU Health's strength in providing excellent patient care is rooted in the religious and spiritual heritage of its institutions. The spiritual calling to heal the sick brings vitality and meaning to patient care within the IU Health community. The Joint Commission on Accreditation has emphasized spiritual care as a vital part of the mission of health care institutions. IU Health will succeed in meeting its mission to provide holistic care to our patients with new programs to integrate spiritual care into patients' treatment plans and to develop methods and find solutions to address all the needs of those we serve. The Values Fund offers a unique resource that will allow us fulfill our mission and uphold our values.

Indiana University Health is seeking applicants for the Indiana University Health Values Fund for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious

Dimensions in Health Care. The specific areas of opportunity of the program include the following: 1) Projects that seek to foster a "whole person perspective" in health care; 2) Projects that foster policies and procedures that enhance respect for patient rights and responsibilities; 3) Projects that coordinate and provide a forum and consultation in the area of religious and moral meaning in bioethics; 4) Projects that research the role of religion, spirituality, and/or ethics in health and healing; 5) Projects that provide a service as a religious and ethical values resource center within the IU Health network and the broader community; 6) Projects that support innovation in spiritually integrated counseling, particularly for low income persons and families; and 7) Projects that provide a linkage with, and liaison between, the religious community and IU Health, addressing the continuum of care and wellness issues in our society.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$100,000** and are of a **two (2) year duration**, with a \$50,000 per year maximum.

IU School of Medicine/Purdue University - Devices Advancing Surgical Care - 2016.10

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 31, 2016 (5:00 PM).

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is please to request applications for funding to develop potential devices in the broad area of surgery. The successful application will involve investigators from the Department of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine and faculty from Purdue University. Awards will be competitive and may not exceed \$100,000 for up to two (2) period. Investigators from both institutions are encouraged to come up with innovative ideas that can result in a device that improves human health. For questions regarding scope, review of the proposal, or financial issues related to budgeting and grant submission contact Lane Coffee at rlcoffee@iu.edu or via phone at 317-278-2150.

Dr. Charles Fisch Cardiovascular Research Award

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE - 1) FIRST REGULAR BUSINESS DAY IN APRIL and 2) FIRST REGULAR BUSINESS DAY IN SEPTEMBER (5:00 PM).

Indiana University School of Medicine announces the availability of Dr. Charles Fisch Cardiovascular Research Award to support cardiovascular research for young investigators or more senior investigators, embarking on a new research direction.

Applicants may request up to \$60,000 total, although particularly meritorious proposals that have well-justified budget needs as high as \$100,000 may be considered. Successful proposals will demonstrate scientific merit and a potential for generating extramural funding. In addition, prioritization will be given to those projects that utilize more than one IU Health hospital or facility for leveraging existing patient populations or clinical programs and/or projects that will potentially lead to improvements in the quality of care for IU Health patients. Applicants must have an Indiana University faculty appointment in the Department of Cardiology, Department of Medicine to apply for research program support. Clinical fellows and postdoctoral researchers in the Division of Cardiology may apply for research fellowship support under a faculty member in the Division of Cardiology.

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Eli Lilly-Stark Neurosciences Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Neurodegeneration - 2016.08

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - AUGUST 5, 2016
FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - AUGUST 26, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The Stark Neurosciences Research Institute and the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) are seeking applicants for special pre-doctoral training fellowships in translational neurodegenerative disease research. We seek applicants whose research is focused on age-related neurodegeneration, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, among others. Translational research refers to what is popularly termed as "bench to bedside"; the process by which research in the lab translates into patient treatment. Translational research fosters the multidirectional integration of basic research, patient-oriented research, and population-based research, with the long-term aim of improving the health of the public. Translation can involve everything from basic science discoveries in the lab that directly focus on human disease states, through animal studies and drug development to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans.

Annual stipend (plus applicable health insurance) is aligned with current NIH recommendations. Annual supplement of \$7,500 to be used for travel, computers, and general supplies. Initial funding duration is for one (1) year, and is renewable for one (1) additional year pending review and demonstration of satisfactory progress.

Eli Lilly-Stark Neurosciences Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Neurodegeneration - 2016.08

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - AUGUST 5, 2016
FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - AUGUST 26, 2016 (5:00 PM)

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Activity-Based Therapy Grant Program - Indiana Spinal Cord & Traumatic Brain Injury Research Fund - 2016.09

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - AUGUST 12, 2016

FULL APPLICATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The State of Indiana established the research fund known as the Indiana Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Fund (ISCBIRF) effective July 1, 2007. This fund, established under Indiana Code (IC) 16-41-42-4, will consist of appropriations, gifts and bequests, fees deposited in the fund under IC 9-29-5-2, and grants received from the federal government and private sources.

Effective July 1, 2015 this fund was supplemented and additionally authorized by legislation to provide prescribed, defined, and limited support to non-profit organizations corresponding to 501(c) 3 Federal tax status engaged in rehabilitative clinical care employing "activity based" approaches.

The overall objective of this program is to foster and encourage activity-based therapy programs for the prevention, treatment, and cure of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, including acute management, medical complications, rehabilitative techniques, and neuronal recovery.

Applications to this program are limited to \$1,000,000 (maximum of \$600,000 during the first year; \$400,000 during the second year) for up to two (2) years in duration based on appropriate achievement of milestones and progress reports.

IU Grant Linking University-wide Expertise (GLUE) Awards - 2016.09

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - AUGUST 5, 2016

FULL SUBMISSION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 (5:00 PM)

Indiana University, Bloomington, Provost's Office and the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) are seeking applicants for the IU Grant Linking University-wide Expertise (GLUE) Award. The objective of the GLUE award is to support "planning and team building across campuses to develop large multi-investigator and/or multi-project, milestone-driven, translational research teams who are planning to submit multi-year, extramural grant applications with annual budgets of \$500K or more in direct costs." It is expected that these planning/seed grants will increase multidisciplinary collaborations, institutional competitiveness, opportunities for extramurally funded training grants and overall institutional funding. The GLUE funding is available to collaborative teams in which the lead PI of the research team is from IUB, and the other members of the team are typically from IU campuses such as IUPUI and IUSM (or in deserving cases, any other CTSI university partner campus).

Applications to this program are limited to \$100,000 per year for up to two (2) years in duration based on appropriate achievement of milestones and eventual submission of an extramural grant application.

Technology Enhancement Awards - 2016.07

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JULY 08, 2016 (5:00 PM).

A common critical gap in commercialization of technologies originating from the academic labs is the funding necessary to develop a robust commercialization relevant data package to reduce the risk of investment in early stage technologies. The Indiana CTSI and Indiana University School of Medicine through the office of the Associate Dean for Entrepreneurship and its Industry Collaboration Portal (ICP), are partnering with the newly created Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI) at IU Health to help fill this critical gap through a new support program, Technology Enhancement Awards (TEA), for early stage technologies. The technology may already reside in a start-up company or a clear plan exists to place it into a start-up. The New Program will partner with the highly successful SPARK program at Stanford University.

Indiana Drug Discovery Alliance - 2016.07

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JULY 01, 2016 (5:00 PM).

The Molecular Therapeutics Program, a part of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, seeks applications for a competitive program that will provide funds and essential consultation to support the early stage development of therapeutics. This opportunity is provided in concert with the Indiana Drug Discovery Alliance (IDDA), an advisory panel and clearinghouse for drug discovery and development resources at the Indiana-CTSI member institutions of Indiana University, Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame.

Call for Proposals: The Molecular Therapeutics Program will support the new collaborations and/or the use of core facilities that enable the translation of fundamental research related to drug discovery. Critical project feedback will be provided from a team of experienced industry and academic experts on the group's internal advisory committee, as well as through ad-hoc, project-specific pharmaceutical expert reviewers.

A detailed budget is not required at this time. Support projects will develop a budget of up to \$15,000 in consultation with the IDDA.

Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium Awards Program - 2016.05

LETTER OF INTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

The Midwest Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium (SPARC) has been established by the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. The members of the consortium consist of both academic and pharmaceutical companies. The inaugural CTSA members and pharmaceutical Companies are: Indiana University, Ohio State University, Northwestern University, Washington University in St. Louis, The University of Chicago, Eli Lilly and Co. and Takeda Pharmaceuticals Inc. SPARC is seeking applicants for the Midwest Strategic Pharma-Academic Research Consortium Awards Program. The consortium expects to support projects related to human autoimmune disease with the following criteria: (1) research is in the non-competitive space of mutual interest that address scientific and technological research challenges confronting the pharmaceutical industry; (2) project is to be executed with the network of Academic Members; (3) study is designed to further the understanding of disease biology, potentially leading to the identification of novel therapeutic targets; (4) to promote an improved definition of autoimmune disease according to molecular taxonomy rather than as clinical syndromes; and/or (5) to improve the prediction of response to therapy and the early detection of response / non-response in autoimmune diseases where this is not apparent at a clinical level. Successful proposals will demonstrate the following: A) Have at least **two (2)** Project Specific Personnel from different Academic Member institutions for which such institutions agree to contribute the requisite cost share funding for the research proposal. B) Address the non-competitive space of mutual interest to the Members and scientific and technological research challenges confronting translational research. C) Include the Research Plan and related budget for the study proposal. Applications to this program are limited to \$400,000 and are 24 months (2 years) in duration.

CHEP Community Based Research Awards - 2016.06

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - JUNE 1, 2016. (5:00 PM). The Indiana CTSI CHEP is soliciting proposals from applicants developing or currently involved in collaborative, community-based research projects. Namely, this RFA will fund pilot projects generated from community-university partnerships. The pilot project can serve a variety of purposes such as program evaluation, feasibility or preliminary data for extramural grant submissions, etc. Potential applicants are encouraged to identify, or further develop, collaborative relationships to be strengthened through this grant opportunity.

Adult Gastrointestinal and Liver Diseases Research Pilot Grant Program 2016.05

LETTER OF INTENT (LOI) DEADLINE - APRIL 15, 2016.
FULL SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 2, 2016 (5:00 PM)

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) in conjunction with the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology in the Department of Medicine is soliciting proposals for pilot projects from investigators to develop and promote translational and transdisciplinary collaborative research projects in adult gastrointestinal and liver diseases. The objective is to fund studies that (a) establish or strengthen already established collaborations between faculty members in the GI Division and investigators from other departments and schools at IUSM, IUPUI and Purdue University; (b) generate preliminary data for extramural funding applications investigating adult GI and liver disorders.

The areas of interest include (a) acute and chronic liver diseases; (b) GI and hepatobiliary malignancy; (c) inflammatory bowel disease; (d) GI motility disorders; (e) chronic abdominal pain; and (f) chronic functional bowel disorders. The proposal should demonstrate tangible evidence that the collaboration will lead to a multiyear federal grant application.

Applications to this program are **limited to \$35,000** and are of **one (1) year duration**. Up to two grants will be awarded per grant cycle.

Pilot Funding For Research Use of Core Facilities - 2016.05

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MAY 16, 2016. The Indiana CTSI Pilot Funding program is intended to promote the use of technologies and expertise afforded by the Indiana CTSI Core Facilities available at all partner institutions. Successful proposals will demonstrate outstanding scientific merit that can be linked to generating extramural funding or novel intellectual property (IP). Success of the program will be viewed, in part, by the fostering of new funded grants or providing significant contributions to grant renewals. Therefore, proposals will be judged with equal measure on scientific merit and the likelihood of generating new IP or extramural grant support.

Indiana CTSI/IUSM Core Equipment Funding - 2016.03

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED - Original Date MARCH 25 has been extended to APRIL 22, 2016 (5:00 PM). The Indiana CTSI is seeking proposals from CTSI-Designated, IUSM-based Cores requesting support for the purchase of equipment that will enhance the research environment and contribute to the research mission of the School and the CTSI. Up to \$100,000 will be available through this solicitation. Proposals requesting \$5,000-\$100,000 will be accepted. Requests for equipment costing more than \$100,000 will be entertained if matching funds to cover the balance are identified.

Collaboration in Translational Research Pilot Grant Program - 2016.03

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - MARCH 4, 2016 (5:00 PM). The Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for the Collaboration in Translational Research (CTR) Pilot Grant Program. The objective of the Indiana CTSI CTR pilot grant program is to foster and encourage collaboration across the Indiana CTSI partner institutions (IU, Purdue, and Notre Dame) and to initiate or continue translational research projects that have very strong and immediate potential to develop into larger, externally funded research programs, or generate novel intellectual property (IP). Proposed projects should have participation by two (or more) principal investigators representing at least two of the sponsoring affiliates for this program. Sponsoring affiliates include: Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM), IUPUI (non-IUSM), Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University-West Lafayette, and University of Notre Dame.

CTSI Postdoctoral Training Awards in Translational Research - 2016.02

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 1, 2016 (5:00 PM). The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special postdoctoral training awards in translational research. In biomedical terminology, translational research refers to what is popularly termed as "bench to bedside"; the process by which research in the lab translates into patient treatment. Translation may involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices, or both. To be eligible, candidates must have received a PhD or equivalent degree from an accredited domestic or foreign institution. Please refer to the competition guidelines for full eligibility criteria.

CTSI Postdoc Challenge: Grand Funding to use CTSI-Designated Core Facilities - 2016.02

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 29, 2016 (5:00 PM). The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special postdoctoral training awards in translational research. In biomedical terminology, translational research refers to what is popularly termed as "bench to bedside"; the process by which research in the lab translates into patient treatment. Translation involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices.

CTSI-Designated Core Facilities are cores that undergo a yearly accreditation process through the Indiana CTSI for all partner institutions. The Postdoc Challenge offers postdoctoral research associates at Indiana University, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame valuable proposal writing and reviewing experience in areas related to translational research through the use of one or more of the CTSI-Designated Core Facilities at these universities. This is a competitive opportunity for two 1-year awards of \$5000 each per institution in the form of an expense account for use of core facility services. Funding is to be used only for services provided by the core facilities. Indiana CTSI-Designated Core Facilities are listed on the HUB (<https://www.indianactsi.org/servicecores>). If you are interested in participating, you must discuss your proposal with your advisor prior to beginning the application process to ensure your participation will be approved.

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Symposium, Workshop, and Conference Funding Program RFA

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - OPEN. The Indiana CTSI symposium, conference and workshop funding program is intended to facilitate sharing of ideas and findings in face-to-face discussion environments. The proposed symposium should include a translational research focus. The Indiana CTSI symposium program is specifically established to support presentation of new information to researchers in the Indiana CTSI that will establish research connections and lead to new research communication forums and ongoing collaborations. The application should describe how the proposed symposium will meet these goals.

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