Clinical and Translational Science Institute UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA













• In 2008, the CTSI was founded to speed the translation of scientific discoveries into improved health by strengthening the university's ability to conduct clinical and translational research.

 To accomplish this, the CTSI acts as a catalytic hub connecting people, resources and ideas across UF's 16 colleges, the state, and the national Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) consortium.

• In addition, the CTSI provides special programs, services and a multitude resources designed to facilitate health research, helping to translate research into real-world impact.

Director: Duane Mitchell, MD, PhD

Co-Director: Elizabeth Shenkman, PhD





- In 2015, the CTSI began its official partnership Florida State University, creating the UF-FSU CTSA hub. This expanded collaboration allows for greater community-based research.
- FSU has invested in research centers and faculty conducting translational research in mental health, substance abuse, risky behaviors, and health conditions that have the potential to be treated with behavioral interventions.
- Together, both universities will continue to advance clinical and translational research with the goal of improving health outcomes for all, including underserved, minority, rural and elderly populations.

FSU Site PI: Jing Wang, PhD





GETTING STARTED: RESEARCH

Looking to conduct clinical and translational research at UF?

The CTSI offers support for every step of the research process through its Service Center. The Service Center's programs, resources and core facilities can assist with:

DESIGNING A STUDY

RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS

EXECUTING RESEARCH

MANAGING DATA AND SOFTWARE

NAVIGATING REGULATIONS

USING TRANSLATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Need access to facilities, staff and equipment for your study?

• The CTSI's Clinical Research Center has highly experienced staff and research support personnel and an outpatient research facility as well as a variety of laboratory services and equipment.

• Initial consultations for all services are offered at no cost.

Learn more about the variety of resources available through the CRC:







DESIGN A STUDY: THE RESEARCH DESIGN & DATA COORDINATING CENTER

The mission of the RDDC is to advance biomedical research by providing innovative research design, high quality data management, state-of-the-art data analysis, and advanced data privacy technologies. Services include:



STUDY DESIGN
& GRANT
PROPOSAL
DEVELOPMENT



STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS



QUALITATIVE RESEARCH COLLABORATION



DATA MANAGEMENT



DESIGN A STUDY: CITIZEN SCIENTIST PROGRAM

Citizen Scientists are members of the community who serve as research consultants. They provide valuable feedback for research materials intended to engage the community. For example, they might...

 Help researchers review recruitment materials, such as flyers, forms and messages.

 Weigh in on the best way to get the word out to the public about research findings.

 Assist with presentations or participate more extensively as a member of the study team, workgroup or committee.







DESIGN A STUDY: REGULATORY KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT

The CTSI offers a variety of services and resources designed to help research teams navigate the UF research landscape and the regulatory and compliance environment. These include:



IND, IDE ASSISTANCE



REGULATORY ASSISTANCE



RESEARCH
PARTICIPANT
ADVOCATE,
ETHICS
CONSULTATION



QUALITY ASSURANCE



CORE SPOTLIGHT: DISSEMINATION & IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

The Dissemination and Implementation (D&I)
Science core consults with investigators across the academic health center to improve research and evaluation of evidence-based health interventions.

- D&I research focuses on translating evidencebased interventions into real-world settings.
- D&I methodology experts can assist with all phases of research from study design and conceptual frameworks development to implementation strategies and measurement.
- The core also provides training and educational opportunities to learners, faculty and staff.







DESIGN A STUDY: PARTICIPANT RECRUITMENT RESOURCES

The CTSI offers a variety of services and resources designed to help research teams recruit participants for research. These include:



CTSI
RECRUITMENT
CENTER



HEALTHSTREET



INTEGRATED DATA REPOSITORY



TRIAL INNOVATION NETWORK



DATA MANAGEMENT & SOFTWARE

In addition to the data management services offered by the RDDC, the CTSI offers additional services and support for data management through infrastructure design and software assistance.



This service helps researchers execute discovery, produce scholarly works, manage research activities. Services include:

- General IT design and consulting
- Server and database provisioning, support and management
- Research needs analysis, proposal development and grant assistance
- IDR and other clinical data access
- And more...

Learn more and request a consult:







The FLRDC provides a secure research environment where researchers can analyze restricted data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and other federal statistical agencies.

- In order to access this information, researchers
 must draft a research proposal to be submitted to
 the federal agency whose data they want to access
 for their research.
- The information provided through the FLRDC is available to researchers from universities, government agencies, and private institutions in Florida and beyond.

Learn more and inquire about access:







- OneFlorida+ is a clinical research network and database that helps researchers implement grant-funded research in real-world settings.
- OneFlorida+ is home to a data trust. This trust contains data on diagnoses, procedures, medications, patient demographics, unique patient codes for re-identification by network partners, and other data elements.
- Scientists and clinicians across the Southeast rely on the OneFlorida+ Data Trust to support a variety of research activities, including hypothesis generation, cohort discovery, prepto-research activities, participant enrollment, observational studies, and more.

Learn more about OneFlorida+:



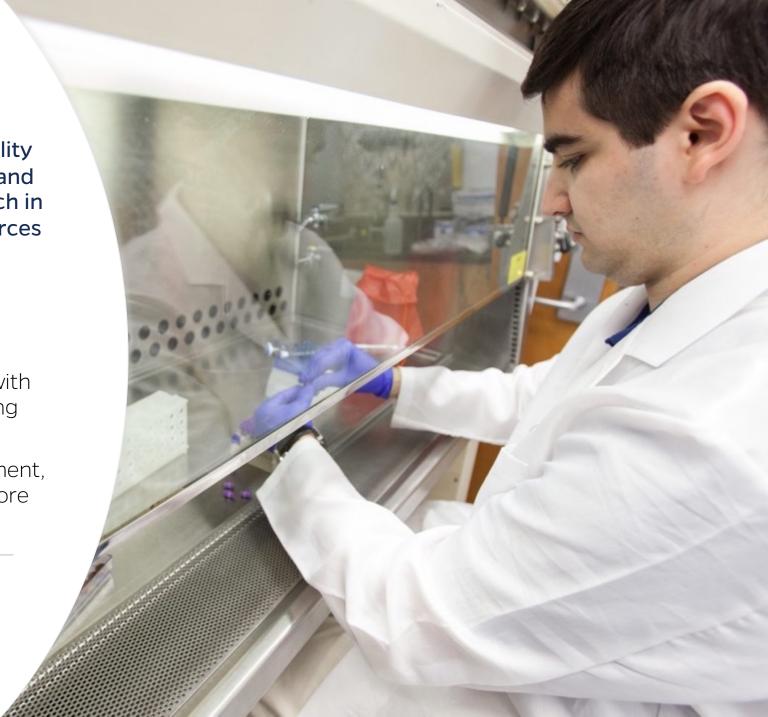




A CAP-certified biological sample storage facility that offers a range of services to help clinical and basic science investigators to conduct research in biobanking and improved patient care. Resources include:

- A biospecimen library with more than 32,000 remnant specimens collected with informed consent.
- A secure specimen storing facility equipped with multiple, independent temperature-monitoring systems.
- Comprehensive research specimen management, including electronic tracking through an OnCore biospecimen management database.







This core provides consultation and guidance to the researchers who need assistance in designing and performing genetics and pharmacogenetics studies.

 Two units comprise the CTSI Genotyping Core, the Center for Pharmacogenomics and Precision Medicine Genotyping Laboratory, and the Molecular Services Core of the ICBR.

 Across these facilities, researchers will have access to sample handling and processing services, individualized single-plex through 384-plex genotyping assays and large-scale genotyping services.







The CTSI Good Manufacturing Practice, or GMP, Facility manufactures phase I & II clinical trial immunotherapeutic investigational drugs, drug substances, and intermediates.

 With 3450 sq ft of cutting-edge production space, our facility is equipped with the latest technology and infrastructure necessary to support your phase I or II immunotherapeutic projects.

 Experienced personnel that have a wealth of knowledge and expertise in tech transfer, batch records, specification creation, analytical method development, and validations to meet phaseappropriate regulatory requirements.







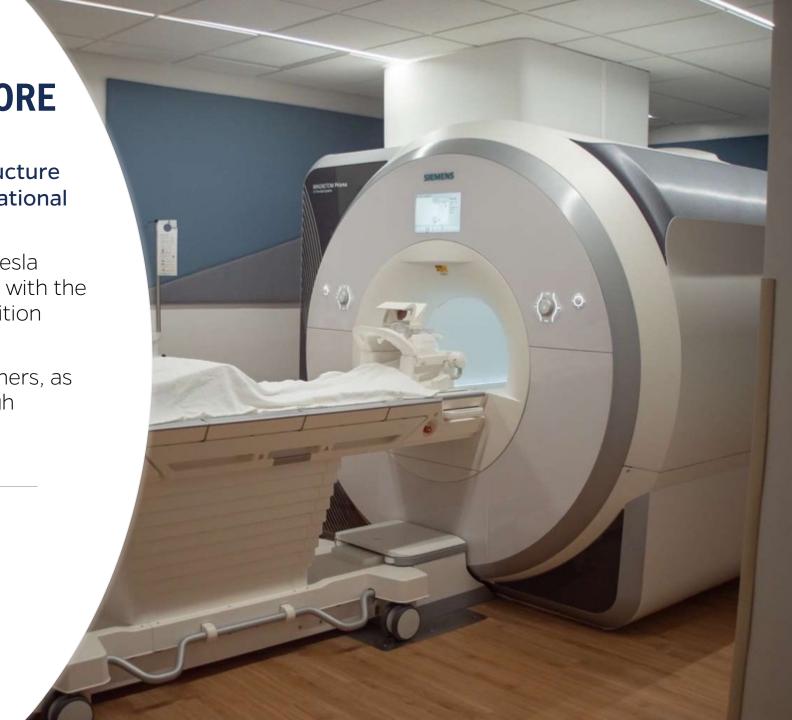
The Human Imaging Core provides infrastructure and support to facilitate research and educational activities.

 The core houses two state-of-the-art 3.0 Tesla whole-body human MR scanners equipped with the latest MRI and MRS technology and acquisition techniques for human MR research.

• This resource is open to UF Health researchers, as well as researchers from outside UF through collaborations with UF Health researchers, including those in the core.

Learn more and inquire about access:







CORE SPOTLIGHT: SOUTHEAST CENTER FOR INTEGRATED

SECIM provides state-of-the-art metabolomics services to users in all areas of biomedical and biological sciences at the University of Florida and beyond.

• This core specializes in mass spectrometry services, including global metabolomics and lipidomics and targeted metabolomics.

 SECIM offers scientists, researchers, and students a unique combination of technology, expertise, extensive sample libraries, training and education to spur advances in the field and glean new insights into important biological problems.

Learn more and request services:







CORE SPOTLIGHT: TRANSLATIONAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT CORE

The TDDC provides services and expertise in bioanalysis, drug metabolism, and preclinical pharmacokinetics to help researchers move their compounds from the lab to preclinical studies. Services include...

- Consultation regarding testing, collaboration, and licensing submission.
- Laboratory services to assist in advancing a lead compound based on in vitro data, to transition to full blown preclinical studies.
- Bioanalytical services to define the full in vivo pharmacokinetic profile (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion-ADME) of a compound.







Learning Opportunities at the CTSI

The CTSI provides educational opportunities that facilitate the training of clinical and basic science investigators, clinical trialists, laboratory technicians, study coordinators and other related personnel.

Educational opportunities include:

CAREER TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

MENTORSHIP

GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOPS & TOOLKITS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION TRAINING



CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS

The CTSI provides graduate students with translational science education opportunities through some of the following certificates, grants and degree programs:



T32 TRAINING

GRANT



CLINICAL &
TRANSLATIONAL
SCIENCE (CTS)
CERTIFICATE



CTS
INTERDISCIPLINARY
CONCENTRATION



MD-PHD PROGRAM



CAREER DEVELOPMENT FOR CLINICAL FELLOWS & FACULTY

The CTSI offers the following education opportunities for early-stage investigators interested in clinical and translational research:



TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY



K12 TRAINING GRANT



TRAINING
ACADEMIES FOR
CLINICAL AND
TRANSLATIONAL
SCIENCE



MENTOR ACADEMY



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: K12 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The K12 Career Development Award provides junior faculty with financial support and research training to develop the skills necessary to build a well-funded, collaborative career in clinical and translational research.

 Qualified faculty at the rank of assistant professor with an MD, PhD, or equivalent degree in the health sciences and who are U.S. Citizens or have Permanent Resident status are encouraged to apply.

• The CTSI welcomes applicants from any college within UF's Academic Health Center.

Learn more about the grant and application process:







RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: DEVELOPING COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMPETENCE

In 2018, the UF(263) C3 was established to examine long-standing and unspoken issues of racism, injustice and inequity within clinical research and the research professional workforce.

- DC3 aims to help UF clinical research professionals become better advocates, allies and accomplices in the intersectional areas of diversity, equity and cultural competence through education and training.
- The Black Voices in Research storytelling series is DC3's most well-known project to-date. It spotlights the stories and experiences of Black biomedical researchers at UF.

Learn more about DC3 and view the Black Voices in Research storytelling series:







The mission of Biotility is to provide high-quality education and training to individuals jumpstarting or advancing a career in the bioscience industry

- Biotility is the education and training arm of the UF Center of Excellence for Regenerative Health Biotechnology (CERHB).
- Programs include industry-recognized credentials, industry short-course certificates, and customized training solutions.
- Biotility creates pathways to progress and professional skill development in the industry for students, faculty and educators and research professionals.

Learn more and view available classes:



