Winter 2020 DMC Newsletter

This quarterly newsletter is provided by the Duke Microbiome Center to inform the Duke University community about activities, resources, news, funding and educational opportunities, and recent highlights in the microbiome sciences at Duke and beyond. If you have items you would like for us to include in a future newsletter, or if you would like to add someone to our newsletter listserv to receive future issues, please email Pat Massard. For further information on the DMC, please visit our website.

Guidelines Regarding Human Subjects Protection and Microbiome Research

With thanks to Sharon Ellison and Jody Power from the IRB and Anthony Sung, John Rawls, Lawrence David, Raphael Valdivia, Neil Surana, Naz Siddiqui, and many others from the DMC community, we are happy to share the attached document on Guidelines Regarding Human Subjects Protection and Microbiome Research. We hope this will be helpful for individuals considering collecting human samples, research with samples that have already been collected, or research with microbes cultured or isolated from human samples. These guidelines are meant to address questions of when a full IRB protocol is needed (and which may require patient consent), when research may be considered exempt (while an IRB submission may be needed, patient consent may not), or when IRB review is not needed. Of course, these are guidelines, and if there is ever a question, the IRB remains available to help.
Funding opportunities through the DMC

The DMC has two active funding opportunities:

**DMC Development Grants**: The Duke Microbiome Center (DMC) supports microbiome science at Duke University through pilot project funding. The DMC is pleased to announce a new request for proposals for DMC Development Grants. The objective of the DMC Development Grant program is to support interdisciplinary and collaborative research projects in the microbiome sciences at Duke University. The deadline is May 1, 2020. For more information, see [the program announcement](#).

**DMC Rolling Voucher Program**: Duke University has established shared resources that avail state-of-the-art technologies to interrogate microbiome structure and function to Duke investigators. The Duke Microbiome Center offers a rolling voucher program to provide its investigators access to these shared resources, particularly for microbiome projects that are not yet externally funded. Eligibility is limited to Duke Microbiome Center faculty and their trainees, and the maximum budget is $5,000. There is no deadline for these proposals. For more information, see [the program announcement](#).

Learn about the Team Science Core at Duke CTSI

Microbiome research often brings together teams of investigators with distinct and complementary expertise. The Team Science Core of the Duke Clinical & Translational Science Institute offers support services to research teams like these tackling complex problems that span boundaries of many kinds, such as disciplinary, sectoral, institutional, and educational stage. Their core draws on findings from the field of the Science of Team Science in the design and delivery of our programming and consulting services, which include offerings for research teams across their life cycles, from formation to post-award implementation. They provide a range of consults and services, including but not limited to: introductory presentations to familiarize teams with evidence-
based Team Science principles and practices; customized design and facilitation of structured workshops to identify and prioritize research questions; advising and navigation for best practices in team formation and functioning; guidance through self-serve tools and resources from across the SciTS field. For more information, please email Kristine Glauber. Also, save the date for the 11th Annual International Science of Team Science Conference (SciTS) which will be held at Duke University on 1-4 June 2020. The DMC is a co-sponsor for this event. For more information, please visit www.inscits.org.

Upcoming DMC meetings

**DMC Microbiome Lunches:** This monthly research-in-progress series is held on third Wednesdays at 1PM in 1125 MSRBIII (3 Genome Court), and is open to the entire DMC community. The schedule of speakers can be viewed [here](#). If you would like to present your work in a future DMC Microbiome Lunch, please contact Pat Massard.

**DMC Faculty Meetings:** The next DMC faculty meeting will be Weds., April 22, at 1PM, in 4122 MSRBIII (3 Genome Court). Lunch will be provided.

Please mark your calendars!

Upcoming Conferences

For a full list of upcoming microbiome conferences, click [here](#).

Microbiome Funding Opportunities

**Dear Colleague Letter: Supporting Research Advances in Microbiomes**  
Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see [here](#))  
No deadline
Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) No deadline

Enabling Discovery through Genomic Tools (EDGE)  $2,000,000 (see here) No deadline

Engineering of Biomedical Systems  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) No deadline

Instrument Capacity for Biological Research (ICBR)  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) No deadline

Systems Biology Research to Advance Sustainable Bioenergy Crop Development  $15,000,000 (see here) Pre-application 1/27/2020, Full Application 3/9/2020

Computational Tool Development for Integrative Systems Biology Data Analysis  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) Pre-application 1/31/2020, Full Application 4/9/2020

Translational Medicine and Therapeutics -- Research Starter Grants  $100,000 (see here) 2/1/2020

Translational Medicine and Therapeutics -- Postdoctoral Fellowships  $60,000 (see here) 2/1/2020

NIAID Emerging Leaders in Data Science Fellowship  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 2/8/2020

Short-term Mentored Career Enhancement Award in Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research for Mid-Career and Senior Investigators (K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)  Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 2/12/2020
Dannon Yogurt, Probiotics and the Gut Microbiome Fellowship Grant $25,000 (see here) 2/14/2020

Small Research Grants for Analyses of Down Syndrome-related Research Data for the INCLUDE Project (R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 2/14/2020

Innovator Awards for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research $200,000 (see here) 2/18/2020

Co-infection and Cancer (R01, R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 3/6/2020

Mechanisms Underlying the Contribution of Type 1 Diabetes Disease-associated Variants (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) $3,400,000 (see here) 3/26/2020

Novel Therapeutics Directed to Intracellular HIV Targets (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) $275,000 (see here) 4/1/2020

Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB) Interdisciplinary Research Units (U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) $7,500,000 (see here) 5/8/2020

Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics: Courses (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) $750,000 (see here) 5/25/2020

Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics: Diversity Action Plan (R25) $1,500,000 (see here) 5/25/2020

Addressing Chronic Wound Trajectories Through Social Genomics Research (R01, R21- Clinical Trial Optional) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Advancing Mechanistic Probiotic/Prebiotic and Human Microbiome Research (R01) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020
Advancing Translational and Clinical Probiotic/Prebiotic and Human Microbiome Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Age-related Microbiota Changes and their Implications in Chronic Disease Prevention, Treatment and Progression (R01, R21 Clinical Trial Optional) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

AHRQ -- Large Research Projects for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB) (R01, R18) $2,500,000 (see here) 6/5/2020

Comparative Genomics Research Program (R01-Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of Genomics Research Project Grant Program (R01, R03, R21) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Generating New Insights and Mechanistic Understanding of Antibiotic Resistance Development (R01, R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

The Mechanistic Role of the Microbiome in the Pathobiology of Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Diseases (R01 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Microbial-based Cancer Therapy - Bugs as Drugs (R01, R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Oomics-guided Biobehavioral Interventions for Improved Health Outcomes: A Step Forward in Translation (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Research to Advance HBV Cure: HIV/HBV Co-Infection and HBV Mono-
infection (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Role of Gut Microbiome in Regulating Reproduction and Its Impact on Fertility Status in Women Living with and Without HIV (R01, R21 Clinical Trial Optional) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/5/2020

Modeling Intestinal Microbiota to Enhance Protective Immune Responses Against Cancer (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 6/10/2020

Investigator Initiated Research in Computational Genomics and Data Science (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 7/16/2020

Research Opportunities in Space Biology (ROSBio) Award Amount: See solicitation for details (see here) 7/31/2023

News

Chapel Hill startup focusing on precision health, oncology raises $3M - 12/10/2019
"Xilis, a startup founded by two professors at Duke University focusing on precision health and oncology, has closed on $3 million in financing."

A window into the hidden world of colons - 12/11/2019
"Biomedical engineers at Duke University have developed a system that allows for real-time observations of individual cells in the colon of a living mouse."

Research network based at Duke Clinical Research Institute awarded up to $102.5M for work on antibacterial resistance - 12/13/2019
"The Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group (ARLG), a unique research network for which the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) acts as a coordinating center, received a federal award worth up to $102.5 million over
seven years that will continue the ARLG mission to prioritize, design, and execute clinical research to reduce the public health threat of antibacterial resistance.

**Fatty meal interrupts gut's communication with the body, but why?** - 12/17/2019

"A high-fat meal can silence communication between the intestine and the rest of the body, according to a new Duke University study in zebrafish."

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**Recent DMC Publications**

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