



Message From The Director

Dear Colleagues,

Happy new year to all of our LA CaTS Member Institutions, collaborators and partners! We continue to see exceptional growth and resiliency of this IDeA-CTR because of tremendous dedication of all who play a role across our state.

Read more [here](#)



Maria D. Sanchez-Pino, MSc, PhD
(LSUH-New Orleans)

Center Spotlight

Meet Our Newest Roadmap Scholars

Each year the Professional Development Core selects qualified Scholars into the program. The Roadmap Scholars are junior faculty members whose goals are to become sustainable independent researchers. This year, in addition to a submitted application, Scholars were interviewed by all three Co-Directors and the Research Navigator. Please join us in welcoming the 10th Cohort of Roadmap Scholars:

For further detail about each Scholar's project, please visit the following link on the Professional Development Core website: [Roadmap Scholars Program](#)



S. Nicole Fearnbach, PhD (Pennington Biomedical)



Crystal Zheng, MD (Tulane University)



Funding & Training Opportunities

LA CaTS Grant Development Award Program supports investigators with sufficient preliminary data to support collaborative grant-writing teams. Awards are up to \$5,000 in total costs.

- [More details](#)



LA CaTS Visiting Scholars Program supports training opportunities for junior investigators to enhance skills or learn new technique. Awards are up to \$5,000 in total costs.

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National
COVID
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<https://covid.cd2h.org/>

Save the Date!

IDeA-CTR N3C Investigator Engagement Event: Jumpstarting Access to Clinical Data for COVID-19 Research

Keynote Presentation by Christopher Chute, MD, DrPH (Johns Hopkins University)

Opening Remarks by Sally Hodder, MD (West Virginia University) and
Clifford Rosen, MD (Maine Medical Center Research Institute)

When: Thursday February 17, 2022 2-5p EST

Where: [Zoom Registration](#)

This event will demonstrate IDeA-CTR members to the National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C). The N3C Data Enclave is a secure platform through which harmonized clinical data provided by our contributing members are stored. The Enclave includes demographic and clinical characteristics of patients who have been tested for or diagnosed with COVID-19, and further information about the strategies and outcomes of treatments for those suspected or confirmed to have the virus.

Questions about this event can directed to Brian Melancon at Brian.Melancon@pbrc.edu.



[Register Now for Translational Science 2022!](#)



LA CaTS in the Community

We invite LA CaTS junior, senior, and all other investigators to utilize the [SparcRequest](#) platform to request to share their research with the CEOR's standing Baton Rouge, New Orleans, & Shreveport Community Advisory Boards (CABs). CAB members provide insightful and community relevant feedback that propel health research projects to truly impact the Louisiana community. The CEOR can also provide advising services on engagement for your project, if outside of CAB requirements.

Read more [here](#)

HATS OFF TO OUR RESEARCHERS

Xavier University of Louisiana's Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research & Education (CMHDRE) has been awarded extended funding in partnership Tulane University for LA-CEAL 2.0 (Louisiana Community Engagement Alliance



Against COVID-19) and has conducted community education, awareness, and engagement around inclusive participation of racial minorities in clinical trials.

Read more [here](#)



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