

In August, we were proud to announce the 5-year renewal of the LA CaTS Center IDeA-CTR grant. The new \$20 million award will bring the total NIH grant support for our CTR to \$60 million over a 15-year period. Our cores, led by group of extraordinary researchers and directors from across the state, have been working hard to plan for our newly awarded cycle. In September, I was privileged to attend the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The Biden-Harris Administration announced a goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity by 2030 so that fewer Americans experience diet-related diseases like diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. In July, leading up to the WH Conference, Pennington Biomedical and the LA CaTS Center led a Louisiana convening that enabled community participants across Louisiana to provide input for the September Conference.

Also in September, the LA CaTS Center team came together for its Annual External Advisory Committee Meeting hosted by Tulane University. Our advisors are accomplished researchers at leading universities across the country with diverse backgrounds that range from CTSA programs, biomedical informatics and programs in health disparities. The guidance and expertise they bring to our CTR is invaluable.

In conclusion, the LA CaTS Center will focus this next 5 years on expanding and strengthening the network, scaling the clinical and community-based advances that were made by addressing health disparities during COVID-19, and creating a sustainable growth model for research infrastructure and the development of a diverse workforce. We continue to see exceptional growth and resiliency of this IDeA-CTR because of the tremendous dedication of all who play a role across our state.

John Kirwan, PhD
LA CaTS Center IDeA-CTR Director
Executive Director, Pennington Biomedical Research Center

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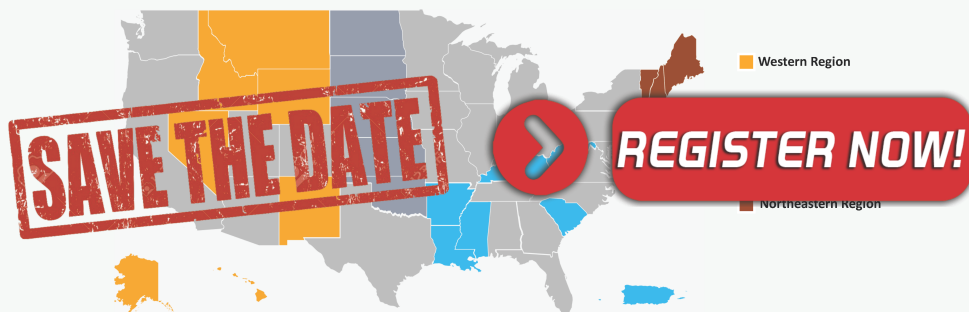
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NISBRE

National IDeA Symposium of Biomedical Research Excellence

December 12-14, 2022 Virtual Conference

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The NISBRE is a national scientific meeting to showcase the scientific and training accomplishments of the IDeA program of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). The IDeA program develops scientific centers of excellence and trains biomedical scientists in the [IDeA eligible states](#)



This year's NISBRE (*NIH NIGMS 8th Biennial National IDeA Symposium of Biomedical Research Excellence*) Meeting will be held virtually, **December 12-14, 2022**. NISBRE is a national scientific meeting to showcase the scientific and training accomplishments of the IDeA program of NIGMS.

The registration fee for investigators from the [LA CaTS IDeA-CTR partner institutions](#) is covered under the LA CaTS registration fee.

Read more [HERE](#).

Funding & Training Opportunities

An advertisement for the 2023 Underrepresented Minority Roadmap Scholar (UMRS) Program. The background is a photograph of a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. Overlaid on the image is the text "2023 Underrepresented Minority Roadmap Scholar (UMRS) Program". At the bottom of the image are the logos for the Pennington Biomedical Research Center (pb), LSU Health New Orleans, and Tulane University.

2023 Underrepresented Minority Roadmap Scholar (UMRS) Program

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LSU Health NEW ORLEANS

Tulane University

Center Spotlight



LSU Health Shreveport's Dr. Terry Davis Receives 2022 Community Hero Award

Read more [here](#).



LSU Health-New Orleans' Ochoa receives Prestigious Award from NCI

Read more [here](#).

Welcome New LA CaTS Faculty!

The LA CaTS Center Welcomes New Core Faculty-Dr. Kimberly Drews & Dr. Jennifer Caldwell



**Kimberly Drews, PhD
LA CaTS Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD)
Director**

Read bio for Dr. Drews [here](#).



Jennifer Caldwell, PhD
LA CaTS Community Engagement & Outreach Core Member

Read bio for Dr. Caldwell [here](#).



N3C invites you to begin your journey with the Enclave and join the collaborative efforts of our partners to better understand and address the most pressing COVID-19 clinical questions.

How big is the N3C Data Enclave?

Data within the N3C Data Enclave is provided by **76 sites** from across the nation and contains information about **16.0 million anonymized persons**. The Enclave has **19.4 billion total rows** containing:

- 6,251,459 COVID+ Cases 🌟
- 3.1 billion Medication Records 📄
- 1.8 billion Clinical Observations 📄
- 900.7 million Procedures 📄
- 9.1 billion Lab Results 📄
- 951.1 million Visits 📄

Data as of October 20, 2022

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Questions? Contact the LA CaTS Biomedical Informatics Team at Biomedinformatics@LACaTS.org.

N3C Public Health Answers to Speed Tractable Results (PHASTR) Call for Proposals.

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Events & Deadlines

Missed the Oct. 20th LA CaTS Seminar Series? [Watch it now!](#)

Nov. 16: LA CaTS Baton Rouge Community Advisory Board Meeting

Nov. 18: N3C In Depth CMS Training

Nov. 18: LA CaTS New Orleans Community Advisory Board Meeting

Nov. 25: N3C Public Health Answers to Speed Tractable Results (PHASTR) Call for Proposals Deadline

Dec. 8: 2023 LA CaTS Underrepresented Minority Roadmap Scholar Application FAQ - Informational Webinar"

Dec. 12-14: 8th Biennial National IDeA Symposium of Biomedical Research Excellence (NISBRE Virtual Conference)

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LA CaTS in the Community

The Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education at Xavier University of Louisiana invites community members to apply to join a Community Advisory Board (CAB), or a network of community members seeking to advocate for local community concerns and to see the improvement of residents' health. There are various boards that we are filling with different missions, all to address health challenges in communities across Louisiana. The interest form is for completion is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/BSad6nGbVq>

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