To the STTR Community,

The new year brings new opportunities for our scientists and the world. We were extremely encouraged by the wonderful turnout and community support at the Hutch Gala on December 6, 2014. The money raised at the gala will provide the needed support for innovative and translational research at Fred Hutch.

2015 started with the launch of two new STTR initiatives: STTRconnect and Oncoscape. Through the STTRconnect website, individuals can use search and visualization tools to explore the diverse network of collaborators and resources in the Seattle area. Oncoscape, a separate web based exploratory tool, connects clinical and molecular information with sophisticated computational methods so users can easily navigate complex data and analysis using a simple point and click interface.

STTR has made a commitment to continue our support of research with our 2015 granting program. This year’s peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary, multi-investigator grant winners will be announced at the STTR Retreat this June 26, 2015. For more information about the gala, granting program and new people finder read below.

Warmly,

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**STTR BIOTOOLS**

**STTRCONNECT**

STTRconnect is an externally facing website for finding local experts and resources within the computational, biological, or clinical fields of biomedical research. Highlights of STTRconnect include: a searchable database of 800+ local experts contributing to the biomedical field; ability to create or edit searchable profiles; generate printable reports of potential collaborators for large grants or projects; and visualize keywords, collaborative networks, titles and other designations by a variety of interactive figures.

To access this resource, go to [www.STTRconnect.org](http://www.STTRconnect.org).
Oncoscape is a web-based, menu-driven, interactive, and iterative data visualization tool developed by STTR to support molecular and clinical analysis. Notably, Oncoscape is designed to: allow users to both upload private data and access hosted public TCGA data; and explore hypotheses using multiple analysis tools within a single interface. To access this resource, go to Oncoscape.STTRCancer.org.

STTRconnect and Oncoscape are LIVE. Check it out!

2015 GRANTING PROGRAM

STTR TRANSFORMATIVE TEAM GRANTS

STTR will provide multiple peer-reviewed $50,000 (direct) grants for innovative, translational, multidisciplinary, and multi-investigator research. Projects should include a clear plan to move to clinical trials within the next five years. One PI must be an STTR member with a primary appointment at Fred Hutch [STTR members with a primary Fred Hutch appointment can be found within the Members section of STTRCancer.org].

Click here to apply.

EARLY PHASE CLINICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

STTR will provide peer-reviewed $35,000 (direct) grants for early phase clinical cancer studies. Eligible applicants must include a member of the Fred Hutchinson/University of Washington Cancer Consortium.

Click here to apply.

TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TEAM MEETING STIPEND

STTR will provide ten (10) $12,000 (direct) awards, one for each STTR cancer type. Submissions requesting support for tumor collection through NWBioTrust or a data abstractor will be approved. Serious consideration will be given to submissions with a detailed, collaborative research project. Eligible applicants must be regular attendees of Spring 2015 SOLID TUMOR TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH.
the STTR Translational Research tumor-site specific meetings. Approved applications must be decided by the translational research groups and submitted by the leadership team. Click here to apply.

ONCOSCAPE BIOSPECIMEN UTILIZATION GRANTS

This new opportunity will provide two (2) peer-reviewed $100,000 (direct) grants for research involving computational analysis and incorporate the use and/or further development of Oncoscape. Such submissions must include the analysis of existing fresh or paraffin-embedded tumor samples and could include, but not limited to, biostatistical methods development, genomics analysis (RNAseq, WGS, Exome sequencing, screens, etc.), personalized medicine and patient survival, biomedical technology improvement, etc. Eligible applicants must include one PI with a Fred Hutch primary appointment [STTR members with a primary Fred Hutch appointment can be found within the Members section of www.STTRCancer.org]. Additionally, to support the computational analysis portion of the grant, members within one of the STTRconnect “Computational fields,” which broadly encompass expertise in the computational, biological, or clinical fields of biomedical research, are recommended. Click here to apply.

Please contact desert@fredhutch.org with any questions.

STTR NEWS

HUTCH GALA RAISES MORE THAN $8.6 MILLION

The 39th annual Hutch Holiday Gala was held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. In addition to making a $3 million contribution to the translational research efforts at the Hutch, Carl Behnke was surprised with the E. Donnall Thomas award for his continued support of the Hutch over the years. Dr. D. Gary Gilliland gave a wonderful introductory speech. The festivities continued with a magical performance by Pat Benatar, a silent auction, and a moving video entitled “Dear Cancer.”

Iconic singer-songwriter Pat Benatar and musician/collaborator Neil Giraldo performed at the Hutch Holiday Gala.

Dr. D. Gary Gilliland
It was a strong year for the Solid Tumor Translational Research program. A lot was accomplished in organizing our considerable strengths in solid tumors across the Hutch, UW and SCCA. We are having a retreat on June 26th, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Seattle bringing our talented faculty members together to highlight our current accomplishments and define our goals for the future. This is a very exciting time for cancer research, and of the many strengths we have here at the Hutch, certainly two of them are immunotherapy and genomic analysis. At the retreat we will dive into these areas with sessions on genomics and big data, as well as immunotherapy for solid tumors. The keynote speaker for the retreat is José Baselga, Physician-in-Chief and Chief Medical Officer of Memorial Hospital at MSKCC who is a leader in mechanism-based clinical trials and development of small molecules targeted at molecular targets. We hope this to be the first of many retreats aimed at bringing our strengths together so that we may continue to build upon the exciting work being done within our institutions.

Sincerely,

Eric Holland, MD, PhD

STTR RETREAT
WHEN: June 26, 2015
WHERE: Crowne Plaza, Seattle
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. José Baselga, MD, PhD, Physician in Chief at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND THE 1ST STTR RETREAT!
If you are interested in attending, please contact Amanda Conlon at aconlon@fredhutch.org.

Space is limited!