

InCHIP Affiliate Services for UConn Researchers

The Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) is a “one-stop shop” for research support for UConn health researchers. From the conception of a research idea to the implementation of a funded research project, InCHIP provides critical services and support at each step of the process. To access these many services, become an InCHIP Affiliate by applying at chip.uconn.edu/chip-business-office/affiliate-application/.

Administrative Core

chip.uconn.edu/cores/admin/

InCHIP staff provide researchers with tailored support as they prepare their grant proposals, and then again once their grants have been funded.

InCHIP Pre- and Post-Award Services include assistance with:

- Preparing grant budgets.
- Filling out administrative forms.
- Submitting proposals through Sponsored Program Services.
- Grant-funded purchasing and travel.
- Producing effort reports.
- Assisting with HR issues including grant-funded searches for faculty, staff, and graduate assistants.

These services are available ***at no cost*** to UConn faculty. To access these services, please fill out the pre-award services form found at:

chip.uconn.edu/forms/req-pre-award-grant-services/

Training and Development Core

chip.uconn.edu/cores/training-and-development/

InCHIP’s Training and Development Core offers extensive services to support research development. Below is a sampling of the programs that are being offered during the academic year:

- **NIH Career Development “K” Award Writing Group:** This program provides peer and expert feedback, support, and accountability as you write your K-award proposal. Beginning on September 24, the group will meet once a month and provide opportunities to get feedback, as needed.
- **InCHIP’s Lunch and Learn Series:** The InCHIP Lunch and Learn Series provides an informal, relaxed

setting for discussing a variety of research and career development-related topics. Speakers will address topics such as career trajectory decisions, health research in global settings, and how to commercialize evidence-based interventions. This series kicked off on October 2 with Dr. Marlene Schwartz.

- **Interdisciplinary Mentoring:** InCHIP will help connect you with mentors to aid in your research development.
- **Seed Grant Competitions:** These annual competitions provide pilot funding to UConn investigators to stimulate new health-related research that is likely to lead to external funding.
- **Grant Proposal Incubator (GPI):** A panel of grant writing experts will meet with you to “incubate” your research ideas and provide you with constructive feedback on your research proposals.
- **Knowledge Integration Sandbox:** InCHIP will host a sandbox or “idea lab” in Spring 2019 to develop novel and transformative research ideas that address complex public health issues. Participants will network and form collaborations with one another to inform and generate potential projects.

To access these services and to learn more about other opportunities with the Training and Development Core, please contact: **Amy Gorin** (amy.gorin@uconn.edu) or **Grace Morris** (grace.morris@uconn.edu).

Community-Engaged Health Research Core

chip.uconn.edu/cores/community-engaged/

InCHIP’s Community-Engaged Health Research Core fosters equitable relationships between UConn researchers and community partners so they can work together on creating innovative, effective, and sustainable solutions to some of the most pressing health problems in Connecticut and beyond. The

Core provides a range of services, including:

- Identifying UConn and/or community partners with whom to collaborate on research projects.
- Finding relevant funding opportunities.
- Helping to build UConn researchers' capacity for community-engaged health research.
- Helping to build the research capacity of community partners who are working collaboratively with UConn researchers.
- Identifying UConn experts and/or Community experts to provide input/feedback on research concepts, study feasibility, methodology, recruitment strategies, program evaluation, cultural tailoring, potential barriers to enrollment, and/or dissemination of research findings into the community.
- Facilitating the development of successful academic-community partnerships.

Additionally, the Core hosts the **Connecticut Community-Based Participatory Research Listserv (CTCBPR)**, which provides a forum for people interested in CBPR and other types of academic-community research partnerships to share their knowledge and experience in order to contribute to the field of CBPR and address Connecticut's public health issues.

To access these services and learn more about opportunities provided by the Core, please contact: **Debbie Cornman** (deborah.cornman@uconn.edu) or **Greg Champion** (gregory.champion@uconn.edu).

Intervention Core

chip.uconn.edu/cores/intervention/

The Intervention Core provides expertise and support to health researchers across UConn, to help them design, implement, evaluate, and disseminate innovative health behavior interventions.

To access these services, please contact: **Kim Gans** (kim.gans@uconn.edu).

Boundary Spanning Services

Boundary Spanning involves reaching across the silos of disciplines, departments, institutions, and communities to build multidisciplinary research teams that address complex public health problems. These services are tailored to the needs of the researcher and can include any of the following:

- **Targeted Funding Searches:** Boundary Spanners will search for federal, state, local, and Foundation-based funding mechanisms for faculty affiliates.
- **Team Building:** Boundary Spanners will help faculty affiliates find and connect with collaborators across UConn, at other institutions, and in the community who have the specific topical or methodological expertise needed for a given research project.
- **Team Coordination and Development:** Boundary Spanners can assist budding research teams establish expectations, define roles, and determine best practices for communication in order to ensure effective and cooperative teamwork.

To access these services, please contact: boundary.spanners@chip.uconn.edu

InCHIP Lecture Series

Each year, InCHIP brings multiple world-renowned health researchers to UConn. In addition to lectures, the series provides an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss research with these accomplished scholars. *Lectures typically occur on Thursdays at 12:30 pm at InCHIP in the J. Ray Ryan Building.*

For more details, please go to:

chip.uconn.edu/lecture-series/2018-2019-lecture-series/

InCHIP Research Centers and Groups

InCHIP's multidisciplinary research Centers and groups provide forums for researchers from across disciplines, campuses, and communities to work collaboratively on developing and conducting innovative health research. InCHIP currently hosts the following Centers and groups:

- Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity
- UConn Center for mHealth & Social Media
- Cancer Research Interest Group
- Collaboratory on School and Child Health
- eHealth/mHealth Research Interest Group
- HIV Research Interest Group
- Interprofessional Healthcare Research Interest Group
- Obesity Research Interest Group

For more information about these Centers and groups, please go to: chip.uconn.edu/centers-within-chip

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