Due to the pandemic, the 2021 CTRSI will be abbreviated from previous years and will not be held in person. Although online this year, we are confident the 2021 CTRSI will balance sharing of expert experiences in key translational research (TR) areas while capitalizing on the interactive features available virtually. Our goal is to maintain the small, intimate feel of previous conferences in ways that support the learning, reflective application and networking opportunities that previous participants have valued. To meet this goal, each day will include opportunities to engage with each other and with speakers in small groups in addition to the topical sessions listed below. We hope you will join us for learning, meaningful application and career-enriching networking!

**AGENDA**

**Day 1: Monday, June 21st, 2021**

8:30 - 9:30am  **Welcome and Orientation**

Brief introductions and a general overview of the conference goals and objectives.  
**Learning objectives:**
- Define TR is and its uniqueness in social science research
- Describe key characteristics of TR
- Discuss the placement of TR in a larger research agenda

9:30 - 11:00am  **Research in the Real World: Deciding on Methods with Translation in Mind**

Some social science research methods lend themselves better than others to TR projects and collaborations. Diverse partner needs and real-world contexts often complicate research design planning and implementation. In this session, we review several of the most common methods used in real-world settings and discuss strategies for balancing rigor with the demand for flexibility in the field.  
**Learning objectives:**
- Review each approach
- Identify when each is commonly used (with explicit examples)
- Discuss approaches to balancing flexibility and rigor in TR research design
- Provide resources for learning more in each area
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11:00 - 11:20am  
**Break & coffee chats**

11:20am - 12:45pm  
**Effectively Working with Key Stakeholders**
Understanding and balancing priorities and perspectives of partners and other key stakeholders is a critical element of translational research endeavors. Establishing trust and working within diverse partner needs, constraints and unexpected events requires flexibility and patience. This session will cover key elements and strategies for making TR partnerships work.

**Learning objectives:**
- Identify critical partnership elements and effective collaborative approaches
- Understand common challenges and practical solutions to research-community partnerships
- Apply session information to personal community partnership initiatives and identify next steps

12:45 - 1:30pm  
**Lunch break and networking**

1:30 - 2:45pm  
**Pivoting When the Unexpected Happens**
As we all have learned in the past year, the unexpected happens. Making lemonade from research lemons is challenging, especially in light of the urgent decisions and new landscapes that must be quickly navigated. This panel will feature TR teams who successfully pivoted and partnered to meet emerging needs, even as they confronted longer-term challenges in meeting original research goals.

**Learning objectives:**
- Identify the research challenges of unexpected events
- Understand how challenges can be leveraged to create opportunities
- Discuss and apply lessons learned to participant contexts

2:45 - 3:30pm  
**Integration activity and closing**
Day 2: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021

9:00 - 9:30am  Welcome and networking

9:30 - 11:00am  Successful Grant-Writing for Translational Research
Writing successful grants is challenging in general, and can be even more complicated when there are multiple partners, sites or moving parts. This session, led by two seasoned and successful translational researchers, will review general sources of funding for TR and techniques for writing effective TR grants. It will also cover common components and challenges in anticipating and managing TR-focused budgets.

Learning objectives:
- Identify general sources of funding for TR
- Share tips and techniques for writing effective TR grants
- Understand common components and challenges in anticipating and managing TR-focused budgets

11:00 - 11:15am  Break

11:15am - 12:30pm  Visualize This! How to Bring Data Alive through Visualization
Researchers love data but many of the individuals, teams and communities they work with may not be so enamored with tables and statistics. Even with strong data visualization options and packages, it can be challenging to know how to represent data in ways that audiences of diverse backgrounds can understand and use. This session is devoted to tips and techniques for making data representation in visual contexts engaging, impactful and fun.

Learning objectives:
- Explore the importance of representing data in a visual context
- Determine approaches for improved data visualization for TR studies in your field
- Review tips, tools and techniques for rendering data for diverse audiences

12:30 - 1:45pm  Lunch break and info and insights for different TR careers
Day 2: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 - continued

1:45 - 2:45pm  **Sustainability and Making an Impact**
It takes time, effort and dedication to build TR partnerships. Assuring that results have broad and meaningful impact is often a high priority for everyone, but is not always easy to do. Moreover, thinking in advance about how to build durable partnerships capable of supporting on-going collaboration is advantageous since the upfront effort is often considerable and, if healthy, can yield rich dividends for everyone. This session will focus on techniques for maximizing impact and collaboration longevity.

**Learning objectives:**
- Understand sustainability options and possibilities
- Identifying best practices for affecting policy and practice
- Describe models for sustainability outside of the academic arena

2:45 - 3:30pm  **Closing and Staying Connected**
Together we will summarize key takeaways, tools and supports for applying what we have learned and exchanged over the past two days. We will close with a review of resources for further learning and networking.