**FEATURES**

**2015 Scholar Awards Announced**
Two outstanding early-career investigators, Sarah Akerman, MD, and Chao Cheng, PhD, have been selected to receive 2015 SYNERGY Scholar Awards. This Mentored Career Development Program is modeled on the NIH KL2 Scholars Program. Read more at [https://synergy.dartmouth.edu/education/index/#synergy-scholars](https://synergy.dartmouth.edu/education/index/#synergy-scholars).

**2015 Clinician-Entrepreneur Fellowship Awarded**
Richard J. Barth, Jr., MD, Professor of Surgery at Geisel School of Medicine and Chief of General Surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), is the first recipient of the SYNERGY Clinician-Entrepreneur Fellowship. Dr. Barth and colleagues, from Radiology and Pathology at DHMC/Geisel and Dartmouth’s Thayer School of Engineering, plan to develop a system that improves surgical accuracy for non-palpable breast cancers. Read more at [http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/news/2015/barth-appointed-to-dartmouth-synergy-clinician-entrepreneur-fellowship/](http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/news/2015/barth-appointed-to-dartmouth-synergy-clinician-entrepreneur-fellowship/).

**SYNERGY Research Consultation Cores**
SYNERGY supports Dartmouth researchers in all phases of clinical and translational research by providing a range of consultation services found here: [https://synergy.dartmouth.edu/resources/index/#overview](https://synergy.dartmouth.edu/resources/index/#overview).

*The SYNERGY Biostatistics Consultation Core will offer a walk-in clinic for researchers on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 am-12 noon, beginning January 5, 2016, in the Biostatistics Consulting office, Department of Data Science, 3rd floor, Williamson Translational Research Building. Consulting sessions will typically be 30 minutes, available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about the clinic, please contact Robyn Mosher, SYNERGY Program Manager, 603-650-1879 or robyn.e.mosher@dartmouth.edu.*

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**SYNERGY Certificate Program in Translational Research Methods (March 28 – April 1, 2016)**
Dartmouth SYNERGY is pleased to announce the upcoming, weeklong 2016 Certificate Program in Translational Research Methods, to be held on-site at DHMC. This SYNERGY-sponsored career development program functions as a “springboard” for early-career investigators. Attendees will receive individual coaching to refine their research objectives and grant proposals, gain a basic understanding of translational research fundamentals, and learn career-development strategies to launch a successful translational research career. Read more at [https://synergy.dartmouth.edu](https://synergy.dartmouth.edu), or contact Cindy Stewart at cynthia.l.stewart@dartmouth.edu.

**External CTSA Consortium Opportunities**
The CTSA-funded Harvard Catalyst is sponsoring a 6-week, on-line course, “Successful Grant-writing Strategies”. First priority is to Harvard Catalyst applicants but it is free to other CTSA consortium members and offers CME credit. Application due Jan. 15, 2016. See: [http://catalyst.harvard.edu/services/sgws/](http://catalyst.harvard.edu/services/sgws/).
Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). SYNERGY is located in the Williamson Translational Research Building at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, USA.