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Science of Team Science  
**CONFERENCE**  
May 21-24, 2018  
Moody Gardens Convention Center  
Galveston, Texas
The Science of Team Science (SciTS) is a rapidly growing cross-disciplinary field that is building the evidence base for conducting, managing, and supporting effective and efficient team-based research. Its ultimate goal is to enhance the scientific findings that team-based research produces.

The annual SciTS conference is the international forum dedicated to SciTS, with perspectives from a broad range of disciplines and fields including: communications, management, social and behavioral sciences, information technology, systems science, and translational research.

The 2018 conference will bring together thought leaders in the SciTS field, scientists engaged in team-based research, institutional leaders who promote collaborative research, policymakers, and federal agency representatives. It will provide investigators, academic administrators, and funders with state-of-the-art knowledge, strategies, and connections.

This year’s conference for the SciTS community will be hosted by the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

It will highlight the integration of empirical data and theory into the practice of team science. The conference will feature invited speakers, as well as submitted panels, papers, and posters.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Public health, social, technological, and environmental problems impacting our world are complex, and we are increasingly able to address them through scientific pursuit. This type of scientific challenge necessitates cross-disciplinary engagement and collaboration, and it calls for longer-term interaction of groups of investigators: team science. Such team-based research collaborations are an essential feature of a robust translational research enterprise.

The emerging science of team science (SciTS) field encompasses both conceptual and methodological strategies aimed at understanding and enhancing the processes and outcomes of collaborative, team-based research.

The SciTS field is concerned with understanding and managing circumstances that facilitate or hinder the effectiveness of collaborative research, as well as evaluating the outcomes of collaborative research. Its principal units of analysis are the research, training, and community-based translational initiatives implemented by both private and public sector organizations. The SciTS field focuses on understanding and enhancing the antecedent conditions, collaborative processes, and outcomes associated with team science initiatives. These outcomes include initiatives’ scientific discoveries, educational outcomes, and translations of research findings into new practices, patents, products, technical advances, and policies.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The annual SciTS conference:

- serves as a point of convergence for team science practitioners and investigators studying research teams
- engages funding agency program staff to provide guidance on developing and managing team science initiatives, and
- affords data providers and analytics developers insight into team tracking and analysis needs.
Due to its diverse participation, the SciTS conference serves as a focal point for engaging stakeholders and communities of interest. Sponsors will have the opportunity to interface with more than 200 representatives from all levels and fields involved in team research, including industry, academic, clinical, and public agency partners.

Sponsorship packages have been designed to facilitate maximum visibility at the conference and, in many cases, feature opportunities to be promoted before and after the event.

Sponsorship opportunities are limited. Don’t miss this unique chance to engage and energize this group of stakeholders.

“Old Red” at UTMB Galveston, Texas
Highlights from Last Year’s Conference

Keynote speaker:
Dr. James Olds
Assistant Director of the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO), National Science Foundation

According to SciTS 2017 Conference participants:

“The conference allowed me to keep up on information about best practices to develop strategic support infrastructure for collaborative teams and network with others who are actively engaged in these practices.”

“The conference showed not only the variety and heterogeneity of disciplines, institutional contexts, and methodological approaches all interested in team science, but also provided insights on current projects in these fields.”

“SciTS exposes attendees to other points of view from leading disciplinary experts.”

“Several of the talks provide excellent, and at times, surprising insights to implement beyond the gut feeling that this is what makes a good team.”

“This meeting allows us to explore together the common experiences of team science support personnel.”

Typical annual attendance is about 200 people creating an interactive and lively setting that is ideal for idea exchange, discussion, and networking.

WORKSHOPS

Improvisation for Leadership and Critical Communication with sideCoach (Boyd Branch)

Network Perspectives to Understand and Enable Team Science (Noshir Contractor)

Taking the Pulse of the Science of Team Science (SciTS) with the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative (TDI) (Stephanie E. Vasko, Stephen Crowley)
Sponsorship Opportunities

PLATINUM PACKAGE - $10,000

• Two-minute Introductory Address at one General Session
• Sponsor a Welcome Reception or Poster Reception
• Prominent representation at check-in; representative may greet attendees at first point of contact
• Host 2 breakout sessions (includes 30-second session introduction and announcement on session signage & in conference program)
• 4 VIP Networking Dinner invitations
• 4 Conference Registrations (includes continental breakfast and lunch during plenary sessions)
• Table at Sponsor & Tool Exhibit Session (all AV costs included)
• Logo on SciTS Conference signage
• One sponsor poster presentation during poster reception
• One full-page advertisement in conference program
• One item distributed to all SciTS attendees at registration table
• Materials on sponsor table throughout conference
• Logo with link on homepage of SciTS conference website
• Pre-conference and post-conference list of SciTS attendees

GOLD PACKAGE – $5,000

• Host 1 breakout session (includes 30-second session introduction and announcement on session signage & in conference program)
• 3 VIP Networking Dinner invitations
• 3 Conference Registrations (includes continental breakfast and lunch during plenary sessions)
• Table at Sponsor & Tool Exhibit Session (all AV costs included)
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Sponsorship Opportunities

**SILVER PACKAGE – $2,500**

- 2 VIP Networking Dinner invitations
- 2 Conference Registrations (includes continental breakfast and lunch during plenary sessions)
- Table at Sponsor & Tool Exhibit Session (all AV costs included)
- Logo on SciTS Conference signage
- One sponsor poster presentation during poster reception
- One quarter-page advertisement in conference program
- Materials on sponsor table throughout conference
- Logo with link on homepage of SciTS conference website
- Pre-conference and post-conference list of SciTS attendees

**EXHIBIT PACKAGE – $1,000**

- Table at Sponsor & Tool Exhibit Session (some AV costs included)
- Recognition in conference program (logo only)
- Materials on sponsor table throughout conference
- Acknowledgment in general conference session
- Logo with link on homepage of SciTS conference website
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Exclusive Opportunities

**VIP Dinner Sponsor** *(1 available) - $15,000*
A “Who’s Who” of the SciTS conference: host a plated dinner for 25-30 attendees
Opportunities to customize; inquire for details

**Virtual Access Sponsor** *(1 available) - $12,000*
Sponsor our livestream webcast;
your organization’s logo placed on each recorded session

**Signature Host-Sponsored Evening Reception Sponsor** *(1 available) - $10,000*
Host two hours of networking and refreshments during the scientific poster session;
includes signs promoting your organization throughout the reception and printed materials

**Conference Lunch Sponsor** *(3 available) - $10,000*
Host an all-inclusive lunch for conference attendees;
includes signs promoting your organization around the lunch area

**Translational Training Opportunity** *(multiple available) – $5,000*
Sponsor a dynamic workshop focused on building skills necessary for translational team science;
opportunities to customize and attend

**Field Trip Sponsor** *(multiple available) – $5,000*
Sponsor one of our engaging field trips to locations applying team science principles;
options include the Galveston National Laboratory and Johnson Space Center;
opportunities to customize and attend

**Networking/Refreshment Break Sponsor** *(3 available) - $5,000*
Host an all-inclusive networking break with refreshments and snacks;
includes signs promoting your organization around the refreshment area

**Tote Bag Sponsor** *(1 available) - $3,000*
Your organization’s logo printed on each attendee’s conference tote bag

**Lanyard Sponsor** *(SOLD OUT) - $3,000*
Your organization’s logo printed on each attendee’s lanyard

**Promotional Item Sponsor** *(multiple available) – range from $1,000 to $3,000*
Promote your organization with your logo printed on an item included in each attendee’s conference tote bag;
opportunities to customize
SciTS Conference 2018 Program Committee

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Contact

If you have any questions about the conference, logistics, or billing, please reach out to us at: SciTS.2018@utmb.edu.
SciTS Sponsorship Application

SciTS is pleased to accept ____________________________________________ as a sponsor of the SciTS 2018 Conference, to be held May 21-24 in Galveston, Texas. In consideration of the Sponsor’s contribution as described in the below document, SciTS agrees to put forth its best efforts to ensure that all Conference attendees and SciTS members are aware of the Sponsor’s support of and importance to the success of the Conference in accordance with the sponsorship level chosen below, as detailed in the 2018 Sponsorship Prospectus.

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□  Check     □ Credit Card

Please email SciTS.2018@utmb.edu for questions and/or payments.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations are assessed a $200.00 administrative processing fee. Cancellations will not be permitted after March 21, 2018; on that date, the sponsorship fee is non-refundable. Note: All Sponsors must be paid in full by April 1, 2018 to allow for printing and promotion of materials. No promotional items will be provided if payments are not received in full.