

The Clinical Investigator Student Trainee (CIST) Forum

The CIST Forum is an annual event that convenes medical and dental students, conducting full-year research, for a very informative two-day meeting with their peers, program leaders, and leading clinical and translational researchers from around the country. This event has been organized exclusively **for you**, the group of students who are participating in clinical, translational, and applied epidemiology research fellowships (“year-out” research programs) at academic medical centers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The forum will provide each participant with a unique opportunity to learn about thought-provoking and contemporary clinical and translational research as well as how to pursue academic careers as **clinician-scientists**. At the same time, the CIST Forum creates an opportunity for collaboration and networking between the invitees, who will be the next generation of clinical and translational researchers.

The Sixth Annual CIST Forum will take place on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, November 5-7, 2008. It will be composed of lectures, panels, workshops, and interactive learning and community networking sessions. The speakers and moderators have agreed to contribute their time to discuss topics that are of great value to future researchers, and they are excited to be a part of an event that will be delivering vital information to a group of nearly 300 medical and dental students invested in careers in academic medicine.

Your program leaders strongly encourage you to become actively involved in all of the CIST Forum sessions and events during the two-day program. As invited guests of the forum partners, you should understand that there has been a large commitment and dedication from the partners in planning this forum. You should therefore take full advantage of the wealth of information, program content, the opportunities to network, and to learn more about the exciting prospect of a future career as a clinician-scientist.