



Support for Pre-Award Biostatistical Services

The School of Medicine understands the important role biostatistics play in the support of the research mission.

Working in partnership with a Biostatistician when developing your grant proposal adds to the likelihood of a successful outcome.

All SOM PI's have access to a limited amount of free, pre-award biostatistical services provided by the SOM's Biostatistics Core and are highly encouraged to take full advantage of this.

Institutional support of Pre-Award Biostatistical services is available from 3 different sources:

1. The University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCC) covers the cost of these services for all official, faculty members of the UMGCCC engaged in a cancer-related project.
2. The University of Maryland Baltimore's Institute for Clinical & Translational Research (ICTR) provides all UMB investigators the ability to apply for up to 25 hours of biostatistical support per project if the project is clinical and/or translational in nature.
3. The University of Maryland School of Medicine's Center for Innovative Biomedical Research (CIBR) will fund pre-award biostatistics work done by the School's Biostatistics Core that cannot be funded by the two mechanisms outlined above for SOM investigators until allocated funds are exhausted.

How to Take Advantage of These Supported Services:

1. UMGCCC investigators engaged in a cancer-related project need do nothing different.
 1. The Biostatistics Core, CIBR & UMGCCC have automated this process via the SOM's iLab system for the last several years.
2. Any UMB Investigator can easily apply for pre-award work to be supported by ICTR when the project is clinical and/or translational in nature.
 1. Learn more [here](#)
 2. Apply [here](#)
3. When pre-award work does not meet the requirements for support by the above two mechanisms the Biostatistics Core will identify the work to be supported by the SOM/CIBR.

The Biostatistics Core:

- Is directed by [Soren Bentzen, PhD, DMSc](#) (sbentzen@som.umaryland.edu) and includes 7 additional full-time, Faculty Biostatisticians
- The Core's Business Manager is Susan Holt (sholt@som.umaryland.edu – 410-706-8505) and is a good initial point of contact, as well.
- Website: <http://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/epidemiology/biostats>
- iLab site: https://cibr.umaryland.edu/service_center/3949

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