

Host a Connecticut Stem Cell Researcher Program

As part of the ongoing education component of the University of Connecticut Stem Cell Core, we are establishing an outreach program for interested Connecticut colleges and Universities. They may request a visit from a Connecticut Stem Cell Scientist. This visit will include a presentation by the researcher as well as interaction time with interested faculty and students. Available funds, from the Connecticut Stem Cell Initiative, will cover the expenses and a small honorarium for the visiting scientist, as well as a meal or snack.

The goals of this program include:

- To inform the public about all aspects of stem cell research, from science to ethical issues
- To inform the public of progress in Stem Cell Initiative funded research
- To attract students to the field of stem cell research
- To stimulate discussion of stem cell research at the host institutions

Any interested institutions should contact Laura Grabel at lgrabel@wesleyan.edu for further information.

Preliminary Speaker List:

Haifin Lin Director Yale Stem Cell Institute Title: "Stem Cells: Progress and Promise".

David Goldhammer Center for Regenerative Biology, University of Connecticut Title: "The basic biology and therapeutic potential of tissue-specific stem cells"

Theodore Rasmussen Center for Regenerative Biology, University of Connecticut Title: "The search for patient-matched stem cells :research approaches to prevent stem cell transplant rejection"

Laura Grabel Wesleyan University Title: "Towards an embryonic stem-based therapy for neurodegenerative disorders"

Ren-He Xu Director University of Connecticut Stem Cell Core Title: "Stem Cells: the Promise and Hurdles"?

Participating Institutions:

Central Connecticut State University
Connecticut College
Albertus Magnus College
Western Connecticut State University