Building a Translational Health Sciences Researcher Toolkit

Authors:

*Joanne Rich*, Information Management Librarian, Health Sciences Library; *Monica E. Jarrett*, Professor, Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems, School of Nursing; *Janet G. Schnall*, AHIP, Information Management Librarian, Health Sciences Library; *Mandy Vick*, Research Compliance Monitor, School of Medicine; *Leilani St. Anna*, AHIP, Information Management Librarian; *Ann Whitney*, Head, Systems, Health Sciences Libraries, Health Sciences Library; University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Objectives and Methods:

*Objective:*
To describe the development of a resources webpage designed for translational health sciences researchers and research coordinators.

*Methods: The University of Washington (UW) Health Sciences Libraries (HSL) serves faculty, staff, and students in six health sciences schools across multiple states. The HSL's website, receiving over two million visits during the last year, serves as a valuable resource for this community.*

*

Funding for translational research at our institution has increased significantly and an Institute for Translational Health Sciences (ITHS) has been formed to support and promote this type of research. As the ITHS website is still in its infancy, a team of educators from ITHS responsible for training new researchers and research coordinators collaborated with HSL librarians to develop a help page for them. This help page, the Translational Researcher Toolkit [http://healthlinks.washington.edu/trans/] provides links to necessary resources for every stage of their research process, such as literature searching, funding, IRB reviews, budgeting, and dissemination of research. It is anticipated that this page will become a highly used tool that will serve all health sciences researchers in our community.

Results and Conclusions:

The toolkit, along with the newly created translational researcher training curriculum, was tested in a mock class for translational researchers and coordinators. We are using Google Analytics to track usage and are actively seeking feedback and appropriate applications to improve usefulness of the page.

*