Of the Public, for the Public	Innovation Made Fundamental			
No barriers	Foundational research			
Expertise brought to bear	New learning			
Working for democracy	Translation			
	Adapting to workforce/students			
Preeminence				
Economic powerhouse for state				
Graduates prepared for the new economy				
Global mindset				
Address big societal questions				

Strategic Framework

- · Building painkillers that lack addictive qualities (Bryan Roth)
- · Turning on genes to cure autism spectrum
- disorders (Ben Philpot & Mark Zylka)
- · Innovating non-invasive treatments for brain disorders (Flavio Frolich)
- · Developing novel strategies to treat Alzheimer's di
- · Discovering n overeating an

Translational

Astronomy-Astrophysics

What is dark matter?

What is dark energy?

Cosmology - Gravity

Origin of original conditions?

What is the ultimate theory of gravity?

Cosmological limits on neutrino mass

First structure? Origin of the elements (BBN & stars)? Mass inventory (DM, gas, DE)? Dark energy? Exoplanets & life?

Nuclear

Origin of heavy elements? Why more matter than antimatter? (EDM for a fundamental particle?) Neutrino mass/properties/interactions Why is strong C/P so small? (Is there an axion?) Properties of quark-gluon plasmas?

Particle

Spin and mass of nucleon

Source of the matter/antimatter asymmetry? What is the nature of dark matter? What is the mass and nature of neutrinos What will be the new standard model (BSM)?

of Medicine

Gfeller TBI Center

Research Cente North Carolina Institut

COSMS

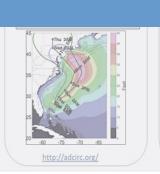
What is Research at **Carolina?**

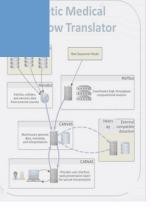
Bi-weekly meetings with research Deans and Pan-Campus Center directors have informed:

- Key research strengths/priorities
- Common thematic areas for inter-disciplinary collaboration

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Six Strategic Research Priorities



BRAIN



CANCER



DATA SCIENCE



ENVIRONMENT



OPPORTUNIY, WELL-BEING and CULTURE

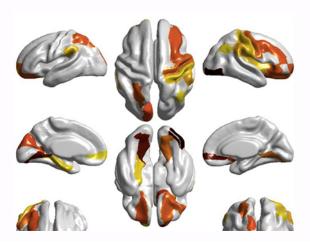


PRECISION HEALTH and SOCIETY



Structure, behavior, development, disease

 Circuits, neuronal cell types, neuroscience and neural activity



- Child development
- Nutrition and social/environmental effects
- Mental health and addiction
- Effects of medication on cognition
- Trauma and Concussion
- Strong leadership in Autism research
- Educational intervention



Comprehensive program in research, health care, public health practice

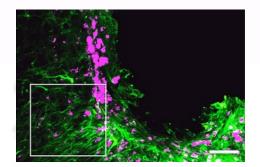
- New technologies for diagnosis and delivery of therapies
- Social determinants
- New treatments
- Environmental and behavioral effects
- Bioethics and social science in medical research



Collaboration with IBM
Watson to utilize artificial
intelligence to improve
patient treatment







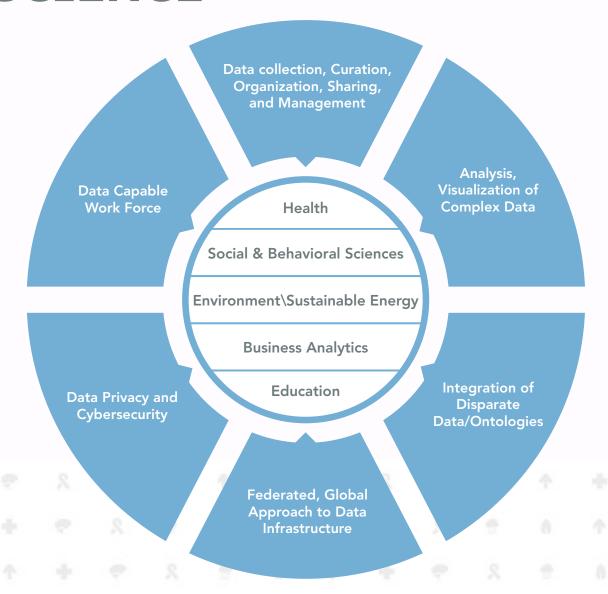
Falcon Therapeutics:
Treat brain cancer with
neural stem cells
(green) that seek out
and destroy cancer
cells (pink)



DATA SCIENCE

Research Frontier of the Future

 Integration and application of data science tools and methods to solve complex problems

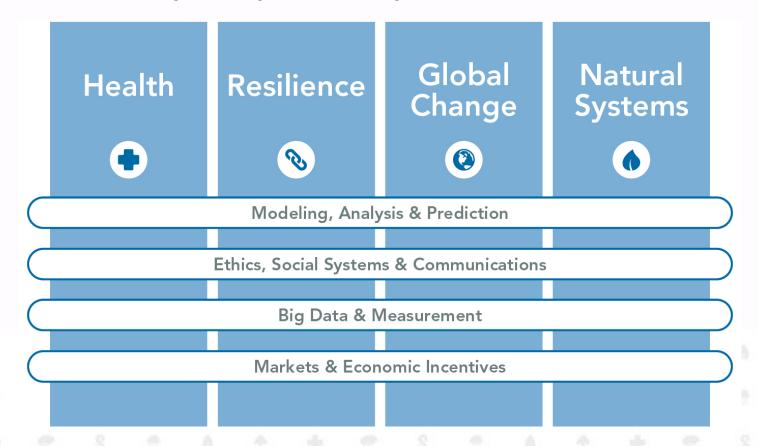




ENVIRONMENT

Many strengths spanning different areas of environmental research and cross cutting tools

7 schools | 14 departments | 17 centers and institutes





OPPORTUNITY, WELL-BEING and CULTURE

Evaluate access to opportunities and elucidate their relationships to outcomes

- Investments in early childhood education, schooling and health
- Migration, Work Family, and Wealth
- Humanities for the Public Good
- Psychosocial Health



Photo by Cory Doctorow, titled "Poesy learns to climb the stairs"



Photo supplied by World Bank Photo Collection. Students raise their hands to answer a class questions at the St. Louis Primary School in Kinshasa



Colossal archaeology. Excavation of the head of a 5m tall statue of Hadrian Sagalassos, Turkey, 2007 by @KU_Leuven



PRECISION HEALTH and SOCIETY

Tailoring development of new therapies, & individualized delivery of healthcare

- Individual gene variability
- **Environment**
- Lifestyle
- Social structure
- Geographic location
- Behavior



Source: Metabolon









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Creativity Hubs

An evolving virtual research network that concentrates talent and resources for defined periods of time on bold ideas, free from typical organizational demands and boundaries, with the goal of moving new discoveries and ideas into practice.

OUTCOME Generate Assemble interdisciplinary **Convergent Research:** foundational data teams to develop pilot Collaboration and proposals (3 month planning leading to large Creativity innovation to solve grants) scale external Hub emerging problems funding **Pilot** and shape the future opportunities (1-2 **Projects** year pilot funds)

Creativity Hub Pilot Award Key Criteria

- Innovation Ability to provide solutions to important challenges and/or generation of new fundamental knowledge and create impact to benefit society, culture, community, the environment, or the economy.
- **Convergence** Demonstration that the project takes advantage of expertise from multiple and diverse disciplines and promotes new ways of thinking that push disciplinary boundaries.
- **Sustainability** Likelihood that the project will lead to support of larger and sustained extramural funding from federal agencies, industry, venture groups, or non-profit organizations.
- **Program Management Plan** Clearly articulated plan with description of feasibility, work-plan, milestones, project deliverables, evidence of alignment with large-scale extramural support and timeline for soliciting external support.

Creativity Hub Pilot Award Features

Awards are for new work that has not been previously funded

Preliminary data are not required but teams must demonstrate that they can successfully advance the project

Projects that align with one or more of the strategic research priorities are encouraged, but projects proposing revolutionary ideas through convergent research in any discipline are also welcome

Teams:

- Leader(s) must hold primary faculty appointment in a UNC-CH Department or Center/Institute
- Include researchers from multiple schools/college and/or Centers/Institutes

Process for Award of Pilot funding

Stage 1: Request for Ideas (Pre-Proposal)

- 4 teams awarded up to \$5000 per team for 3 months to build full proposal
- OVCR provides support for further team building, work plans, sustainability plan, and pilot proposal development
- Research Deans and Center/Institute leadership provide recommendations to OVCR for selection of ideas

Stage 2: 4 Pre-proposal teams submit full proposal

- 1 team awarded up to \$250,000 per year for 2 years
- Each team to provide presentation of their proposals
- Research Deans, Center/Institute leadership, and faculty with relevant expertise provide recommendations to OVCR for selection of team for funding

Tracking Progress

 Separate executive committees for each Creativity Hub Pilot Award team to advise/track progress against proposed metrics

Timeline for Creativity Hubs Pilot Award

Request for deas (RFI) 4 Ideas Selected: Generate full proposal for pilot funds 10/11/17 12/11/17		Pilot Funds awarded to 1 Hub: 4/16/18		
1 month	1 month	3 months	4 weeks	1-2 Years
Ideas Submission 11/13/17	Review & Select Idea	Full Proposal submission 3/12/18	Review & Select Crea	Advice and track progress. Make decisions at end of 1 year to continue 2 nd year of funding

Pilot Funding Post-Award

Two-Page Report describing accomplishment, progress against predefined metrics, and financial accounting of fund expenditures due prior to year 2 funding

 Executive committee makes recommendations and VC of Research makes final decision regarding release of funds for Yr2 of funding

Final report due 2 months after the final year of Funding

ORD will provide proposal development support for large-scale follow-on awards that spring from Creativity Hub funding

Awardees may be called upon to develop and deliver presentations of projects suitable for campus leadership and lay audience

Creativity Hubs

Creativity Hub website, http://research.unc.edu/creativity-hubs/

Information about Creativity Hubs

RFP and submission links