

Citizen Scientist Program

Implementation Science Program
University of Florida Clinical and Translational Science Institute
www.ctsi.ufl.edu/about/ctsi-programs/implementation-science
352-294-5992

Tips for Working as a Citizen Scientist

- Give candid feedback when reviewing proposals and projects. You are there because they want and need your input- you are not there to be a “yes man”.
- You learn as you go. It may be confusing at first (and overwhelming) but it gets better once you settle into things and figure out your role.
- Don't get overwhelmed. Some people come and go through meetings and events, and it may be hard to try to remember all of them. People can also use a lot of technical terms, acronyms, and words, which can be hard to remember. Use the acronym and glossary list, add to it, and make your own cheat sheets. It will come to you, so don't worry. Be patient!
- The program offers you the chance to help guide the work of OneFlorida, in addition to the research work you help. A member of the Citizen Scientist Program serves on the OneFlorida oversight committee and provides feedback on how to help OneFlorida operate to its full capability, and it's great to know you can have such a positive impact.
- This program also offers you the chance to develop what are called “soft skills”- public speaking, dealing with people with whom you disagree, problem solving, etc.
- Speak up, even when you're the youngest person in the room, even if you're in a room of PhDs and MDs, even if you're scared. They need your input, so it's important to put yourself out there, even if it scares you!