



CCTS Partner Network


Multidisciplinary Pilot Program

Request for Applications

The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is to reduce disparities in diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South as we accelerate discovery to improve human health. Through the **CCTS Partner Network Multidisciplinary Pilot Program**, we seek to develop the future research workforce in a spirit that fosters collaboration, team science, and innovative discovery. The CCTS seeks letters of intent that address scientific questions consistent with the Center's mission at any "stage of research along the path from the biological basis of health and disease to interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public" as described in NCATS' Translational Science Spectrum (<https://ncats.nih.gov/translation/spectrum>). Proposals to investigate the operational principles underlying each step of the translational process are encouraged. Special consideration will be given to those projects that bring together investigators across two or more partner institutions. Priority will also be given to applications that address scientific questions of particular importance to the health of our communities, including health disparities and health challenges across the life course, as well as applications that involve community-based participatory research (CBPR), medical device development, population health investigation or innovative approaches to promote efficiency in participant recruitment to clinical studies.

The **CCTS Partner Network** crosses institutional boundaries to improve human health and health care delivery. This innovative partnership provides the foundation for addressing health disparities through collaborative research and training efforts. Building on some initial relationships from the Deep South Network for Translational Research, we have significantly expanded to create new and more formal partnerships with regional institutions for mutual benefit. Regional partners are working together to facilitate and promote unique opportunities, including (but not limited to) drug discovery and development, genomics, advanced magnetic resonance imaging, population health and outcomes research. Partners include UAB (Hub), Southern Research, Auburn, South Alabama, HudsonAlpha, LSU, University of Mississippi Medical Ctr., Pennington, Tulane, Tuscaloosa, and Tuskegee.

See <http://www.uab.edu/ccts/partners>

 **Please contact CCTS Research Commons (ccts@uab.edu) for a complete application package.** Application guidelines and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the CCTS website: <http://www.uab.edu/ccts/research-commons> – click on Pilot Funding. This funding mechanism involves a two-phased application process.

Eligibility. This program is primarily intended to support full-time faculty who are new investigators. Applications may also be accepted from established investigators with a previous history of funding with justification of eligibility. Please visit the CCTS website for more information on eligibility. All proposals should represent the ideas of the Principal Investigator directly.

Funding. Applicants may request up to \$60,000 Direct Costs with the CCTS Hub committing up to half. Co-sponsoring funds are expected to match CCTS funds. Awards are limited to 12 months in duration. Applicants are encouraged to identify at least one non-CCTS co-sponsor with shared scientific interests. A co-sponsor may include a school, a department, a division, a University-wide Interdisciplinary Research Center, etc., or a combination thereof, based at the PI's home institution. As part of the Letter of Intent (LOI), please list all potential co-sponsors in the designated application form – formal letters of support are not required during the LOI phase. Applicants should visit the CCTS website for more information on co-sponsorship requirements.

Letters of Intent should be submitted to the CCTS (ccts@uab.edu) by October 17 at 5pm CT.

Questions? Visit the CCTS Research Commons (<http://www.uab.edu/ccts/research-commons> – click on Pilot Funding) or contact us (205.934.7442; ccts@uab.edu).

Key Dates

Posted Date	September 6, 2016
Letter of Intent Due Date	October 17, 2016, 5pm CT
Invitation to Submit Full Application	November 21, 2016
Full Application Due Date	January 9, 2017, 5pm CT
Award Announcements Expected	April 1, 2017