



2025 Annual Pilot Program RFA
Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Award Program

The Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Award Program is funded through the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (UM1TR004528), which defines translation as “the process of turning observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that improve the health of individuals and the public — from diagnostics and therapeutics to medical procedures and behavioral changes.” (<https://ncats.nih.gov/translation>)

The goals of the CTSC Annual Pilot Program are:


- x To foster innovative new clinical and translational research that supports research development to address urgent questions or to develop preliminary data that can provide initial support to establish proof of concept and be used to launch new NIH or other externally-funded research proposals;
- x To encourage interdisciplinary teams of investigators that span across CTSC pa



4. Applications from new investigators or those of underrepresented minorities are highly encouraged.
5. The ideal letter of intent will address a mid-late stage clinical research (R2/T3/T4; see Appendix 1) of community health with an articulated, quantitative/ or qualitative outcome result leading to a change in health using Translational Research or Translational Science approaches.

Examples which will be more favorably reviewed will include projects that

- Demonstrated team building across biological and behavioral methodology and clinical health science
- Articulate the innovation for the application and/or the investigator(s)
- Use community engagement research principles to address equity in deployment of the outcomes
- Incremental impact, if any, of a novel strategy to improve health in special populations (people who live in rural communities, gender diverse, children, racial/ethnic minorities)



More than one proposal per faculty member serving as an investigator may be submitted; however, if the LOIs are accepted, conflicts must be addressed in the best interests of the CTSC program goals.

Change of Institutions/Transfers

Recipients may not transfer these awards to another institution or to another individual. Reallocations in the approved budget require prior written approval before expenditure. Awardees are required to give 90 days' notice of any change of Institution, and funds will



Letter of Intent Submission Process

Investigators interested in submitting applications to the Annual Pilot Program have the option to first schedule a



Appendix 1: Translational Spectrum and Definitions

Source

Appendix 2. Annual Pilot Budget Request Guide


CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	ALLOWABLE REQUEST ON PILOT PROJECT?
Books, Subscriptions	No
Computers, Laptops	No
Consultative Services	No
Equipment	No
Expenses in Obtaining a Visa	No
Graphics, Photography Charges	No
Indirect Costs	Will be added by the CTSA administrative office in accordance with negotiated F&A rate agreement
Lab Tests- Clinical	Yes, justify and verify the costs with the laboratory
Lab Tests– Research–Core Services	Yes, justify and verify the costs with the laboratory
Malpractice Insurance	No
Membership Dues	No
Office supplies	No
Parking Fees	No
Personnel Recruitment	No
Personnel:	

Maximum of \$5,000 (before fringe benefit costs) in salary support


Principal Investigator/ Co-investigator
Salary /Fringes



Appendix 3



Funding decisions will be made on or about April 2, 2025. Any applications with IRBs must have IRB approval



Appendix 4. Requirements from NIH-NCATS for the CTSC Pilot Program

IRB and IACUC Approvals: All IRB and IACUC protocols must be approved prior to expenditure of funds. Any applications with IRBs must have IRB approval IN PLACE prior to April 30, 2025.

Delayed Onset Human Subjects Research: The NIH requires that the CTSC obtain explicit approval from the NIH for any pilot-funded research involving human subjects. Accordingly, the IRB approved protocol and other materials must be submitted to the NIH at least 45 days prior to the project start date. CTSC personnel will work with awardees to meet these requirements.

Prior Approval of Vertebrate Animals Research: The NIH requires that the CTSC obtain explicit approval from the NIH for any pilot-funded research involving vertebrate animals. IACUC approval documentation and other materials must be submitted to the NIH at least 45 days prior to the project start date. CTSC personnel will work with awardees to meet these requirements.

Use of Application Information



