FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT- SERVICE PACKAGE GRANT

The UT Southwestern Center for Translational Medicine (CTM) is pleased to extend an invitation to apply for the next cycle of its Service Package Grants. Funded in part by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, the primary purpose of this program is to engender preliminary data for extramural grant submission and to track the success of the pilot award recipients to facilitate extramural funding.

The Translational Pilot Program is targeted solely to junior investigators (trainee or faculty member who has completed postdoctoral training, up to and including assistant professor level), KL2 scholars, and participants in the clinical scholars program who display the talent and personal traits associated with career success and who have identified the environmental resources and interdisciplinary collaborations that will make this success more likely. The career path of the applicant and his or her ability to develop interdisciplinary collaborations will be considered in the selection process at par with the scientific merit of the proposed project.

These awards are designed to (1) enable preliminary work and generation of pilot data on translational research projects or (2) support preliminary work needed to assist in the design of the study, develop a tool needed for the study, or test the feasibility of the proposal. Funds are available for clinical and translational research involving human subjects, human tissue, or human information (e.g. medical records) and/or that has application to human health.

Awarded funds can be used to obtain CTM services such as biostatistical analysis; assistance in preparation of IRB or IND applications; Biomedical Informatics consultation, registry and database development; development or performance of laboratory analyses or imaging studies; or development of a specialized database to contain the information generated by the study. Particular attention will be paid in this process to opportunities for inter-institutional assistance. This mechanism will not support salaries, travel, and equipment.

Service Package Grant awards are awarded up to $5,000 to qualified applicants.


Duration of the Funding and Tracking and Reporting Requirements: Awards will be for a period of three (3) months. Services must occur during the award period; therefore, it is important to apply for the grant when you are ready to begin using the services.

Progress Report: Within thirty (30) days after the end of the project period, the PI must submit a progress report summarizing the results of the project and listing plans for publications, presentations, and submissions for extramural funding or detailed plans for next steps if the support was for preliminary work only. The specific form for this report is provided as part of the Notice of Award. Failure to provide this completed report will disqualify the PI from future awards. Annual updates on publications and extramural funding resulting from the service package grant is required for ten (10) years from the end date of the award. Annual reports will be due by January 31 of each year.

Citation Policy: All publications must be registered with PubMed Central immediately upon acceptance for publication and all SPG recipients must acknowledge the support of the Center for Translational Medicine in all publications, presentations, and posters by stating “Research reported in this publication was supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under the Center for Translational Medicine’s award number UL1TR001105. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the NIH.” Failure to properly cite will disqualify the PI from future awards.
**Restriction of Clinical Activity Beyond the End of Phase IIA:** In accordance with section 479(b) of the Public Health Service Act (as amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, Public Law 112-74), NCATS can only support clinical trials through the end of Phase IIA (with the exception of certain clinical trial activities involving treatment of a rare disease or condition; consult CTM program staff for additional information). Therefore, no clinical trial activity beyond phase IIA using CTM pilot awards is permitted.

**REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR A SERVICE PACKAGE GRANT VIA e-mail.**

**ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS TO THE CTM Translational Pilot Program.**