Translational Pilot Grant Program

- Facilitate the development of novel ideas
- Test the feasibility of new approaches
- Encourage inter-disciplinary collaboration

Goal: To facilitate extramural funding
Previous History of the Program

• 128* successful applications in 5 cycles
  – $37,735 per application
  – 54 clinical research, 55 translational, 7 community-based, 2 statistical innovation, 1 ethics

• Funded Investigators had two-fold greater funding at 3 years than those who did not receive funding

*Trainees and senior investigators excluded from analysis. Unable to determine if awards were related to the pilot project.
Challenges Reported by Recipients

- Delayed IRB Approval 4
- Delayed Subcontract Negotiation 8
- Unexpectedly Slow Enrollment 13
- Relocation of PI 6
- Limited Access to Core Services 6
- Underestimation of Resources 11
- Poor Mentorship 1
Eligibility

• Junior investigators
  – Optimal environment and or collaborations

• Senior investigators
  – Substantive departure from previous work
  – Novel collaborative arrangement
Service Package Grants

- Up to $5,000
- Eligible Purposes
  - Design Assistance
  - Tool Development
  - Feasibility Testing
- Examples
  - Center Services
  - Biostatistical Services
  - Registry or Database Development
  - Laboratory or Imaging Test Development
Core 1 and Core 3 Funds

Core 1 Funds –
• For use in UT Southwestern Core Facilities
  (David Russell, MD, PhD)

Core 3 Funds –
• Clinical pharmacology and experimental therapeutics (Richard Leff, Pharm D)
Application

1. Specific Aims 1 page
2. Background 1 page
3. Methodological Approach 3 pages
4. Limitations and Impact 1 page
5. Budget 1 page
6. Letters of Support
7. Commit to cite the CTSA
Selection Criteria: Junior Investigators

- Novelty and Significance
- Suitability of Methods
- Sustainability
- Budget
- Track Record/Career Path
- Environment and Collaborations

50% 50%
Other Priority Criteria

• New Interdisciplinary Collaborations
• Under-Represented Areas of Research
• Matching Funds from Partnering Institutions
• Availability of Philanthropic Funding
If Questions Arise …

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