

Purpose

The CCTS Pilot Grant Program serves a vital function in advancing translational research by funding a combination of broad translational and multidisciplinary projects and targeted priority areas as identified by the CTSA Program.

Priority areas for AY17-18 funding include, but are not limited to:

- Studies on methods to improve the clinical translational research process (e.g., improvements in informed consent; recruitment/retention/engagement strategies; use of Electronic Health Records for recruitment)
- Projects grounded in bidirectional community-based participation
- Dissemination and implementation science
- Child health research
- Studies that address health equity

Eligibility

a) P.I. Eligibility: Principal Investigators must be clinical, research, or tenure track UIC faculty or Senior Scientists at UIC. Although adjunct faculty cannot serve as PIs, they may serve as named investigators, collaborators, or key personnel. Post-doctoral fellows may also serve as key personnel, but cannot be PIs.

b) Invitations to Apply for Pilot Grants: Letters of intent are required and will be reviewed. Only applicants who have submitted a letter of intent and who are invited to apply for the full pilot or planning grant will be eligible.

Award Duration and Amounts

Pilot grants are up to 2 years in duration (\$30,000 each year, with second year funding contingent upon progress made during year 1) and focus specifically on activities such as conducting preliminary research to inform study design, demonstrate feasibility of research protocols, pilot test novel methodologies, or initiate and establish new interdisciplinary research.

Submission Process

Letters of Intent (2 pages maximum) are required for consideration in Phase 1 from all applicants and must be submitted electronically at [www.go.uic.edu/CCTS LOI](http://www.go.uic.edu/CCTS_LOI). Due no later than Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:00pm (noon).

LOI submissions should include the following form fields:

1. The names and affiliations of all investigators
2. Type of research (basic, clinical, community, or a combination) and 3 project keywords
3. Potential reviewers, if desired
4. A list of any CCTS core services that may be needed to complete this project. (Visit www.ccts.uic.edu for additional information on available research services.)

Using the LOI form provided below, please provide:

5. A 200 word lay language description of the research
6. A statement of how this proposed project may extend collaborations or develop new areas of research for the investigators (must use LOI form provided)

[Click here for the LOI Form](#) or visit <http://bit.ly/2pPA1fq>

IMPORTANT: IRB & IACUC Approval

IRB and/or IACUC approvals are not required at the submission stage. Those invited to submit a full application in Phase 2 must adhere to the following requirements:

- If animal or human subjects research is involved in Year 1 of the project plan, investigators should aim to have IACUC and/or IRB approval by the funding start date of October 16, 2017

- Proof of IACUC and/or IRB approval should be included in the Phase 2 application OR the PI should provide evidence of pending review.
- Investigators who are still in the planning stage of their protocol are encouraged to submit a [Development/Center/Training Grant Application](#). These applications include plans for the development of specific human subjects research studies, but those studies will only be initiated after some preliminary projects are completed (e.g., development of instruments or compounds, or prior animal studies).

Following an initial review of the letters of intent, applicants may be invited to submit full proposals. Notification shall be by Monday, July 24, 2017.

To review the requirements for full applications, please [click here](#) or visit: <http://bit.ly/2qkFBdg>