COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH SERVICES

CTSI’s Community Engagement and Research program provides consulting services to foster and strengthen community-academic research partnerships. Consultants offer advice and expertise in the areas listed below.

Connecting investigators and community
- Symposia for community organizations to develop collaborations
- Networking opportunities between and among community partners and academic investigators
- Partnership opportunities with capacity-building projects receiving support
- Opportunities to partner with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health

Advice on study design and implementation
- Community outreach assistance from multilingual staff members
- Assistance with recruitment and data collection
- Support for analysis of community-partnered data

Dissemination of research results
- Generation of community-requested geographic, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomically stratified data
- Materials for use in community settings

Grant preparation and training
- Incorporating community-engaged research or health services research into grant proposals
- Access to resources for community-partnered research
- Trainings and workshops to promote academic-community collaborations

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## Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design
provides biostatistical and data management support, grant preparation, education and bioinformatics/computational biology services to CTSI research teams. **Staff contact:** domstat@mednet.ucla.edu

## Community Engagement and Research Program
develops, implements, and refines models of community engagement and facilitates research collaborations with community partners. **Staff contact:** Ibrahima Sankare, isankare@mednet.ucla.edu

## Informatics Program
provides databases, tools, resources and infrastructure for the acquisition, storage and analysis of data. **Staff contact:** Marianne Zachariah, mzachariah@mednet.ucla.edu

## Integrating Special Populations
focuses on catalyzing and strengthening research in three special groups: children, older adults, and groups affected by health disparities. **Staff contact:** Nathalie Vizueta, nvizueta@mednet.ucla.edu

## Network Resources
consists of two units: 1) The Clinical Research Acceleration Unit (CRAU) interacts with the CTSA Network Trial Innovation Centers (TICs) to ensure rapid study start-up of clinical trials and assist investigators with high priority studies; 2) The Recruitment Unit has been established to interact with Research Innovation Centers (RICs) to ensure rapid subject recruitment to clinical trials. **CRAU contact:** Hazel Xavier, hxavier@mednet.ucla.edu, **Recruitment Unit contact:** Marianne Zachariah, mzachariah@mednet.ucla.edu

## Participant and Clinical Interactions
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## Pilot, Translational and Clinical Studies Program
provides seed funding for collaborative research, team-building activities and development of novel technologies and approaches. **Staff contact:** Deborah Herman, dkherman@mednet.ucla.edu

## Population Health
equips health agency personnel with skills to introduce and sustain critical translational science methods. **Staff contact:** Moira Inkelas, minkelas@mednet.ucla.edu

## Precision Health
mobilizes and integrates genomic data with clinical data for translational research that involves genetics, genomics, patient phenotypes, and biomaterials. **Staff contact:** Clara Lajonchere, clajonchere@mednet.ucla.edu

## Regulatory Knowledge and Support
ensures that our research is in full regulatory compliance and meets the highest quality assurance standards. **Staff contact:** Terra Hughes, thughes@mednet.ucla.edu

## Team Science
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## Workforce Development Program
houses most of our education and training activities, including KL2 and TL1 awards for mentored research. **Staff contact:** Lisa Chan, lchan@mednet.ucla.edu

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