



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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About the UCLA CTSI

UCLA CTSI is a research partnership of UCLA, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles Biomedical Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. It belongs to an NIH-supported network of more than 50 CTSIs.

Who Is Eligible for CTSI Services and Support?

CTSI services and support are generally available to investigators at its four partnered institutions and UCLA affiliate institutions. Investigators at CTSI community partner sites may also be eligible.



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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:** *Savanna Carson*, scarson@mednet.ucla.edu

Informatics Program provides databases, tools, resources and infrastructure for the acquisition, storage and analysis of data.
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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

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Population Health equips health agency personnel with skills to introduce and sustain critical translational science methods.
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Regulatory Knowledge and Support ensures that our research is in full regulatory compliance and meets the highest quality assurance standards. **Staff contact:** *Terra Hughes*, tnhughes@mednet.ucla.edu

Team Science develops new theoretical and evidence-based tools to improve, assess, and evaluate the capacity of interdisciplinary and translational science teams to effectively combine team members' diverse expertise. **Staff contact:** *Deborah Herman*, dkherman@mednet.ucla.edu

Workforce Development Program houses most of our education and training activities, including KL2 and TL1 awards for mentored research.
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