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

To request a free consult, contact:

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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: Stefanie Vassar, svassar@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

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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 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. Staff contact: Lisa Chan, lchan@mednet.ucla.edu