CTSIs 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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# Ethics Consultations

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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, 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. **Staff contact: Lisa Chan, ichan@mednet.ucla.edu**

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