The **CTSI Integrating Special Populations Program** increases the quantity and quality of research in children, older adults, and populations affected by health disparities at the UCLA CTSI partner institutions: UCLA Westwood, LA BioMed at Harbor-UCLA, Cedars-Sinai, and Charles R. Drew University.

**Eligibility:** Postdoctoral researchers and faculty at any level doing research relevant to special populations (i.e., children, older adults, health disparities) are encouraged to utilize the following free ISP consultation services:

**Internal Pre-Submission Grant Reviews**
Approximately 4-6 weeks before submission deadlines, our experienced faculty offer:

- independent review of PCORI, NIH U01, K- or R-level grant proposals
- in-person feedback in a mock study section
- written and oral critiques plus suggestions for improving the grant

**Career Consultations**
An interdisciplinary team of senior faculty members provide one-time, or ongoing career advice. Interested faculty submit a CV and responses to key questions about their career trajectories. Discussion items can include:

- potential sources of funding
- collaboration opportunities
- suggestions for research content direction
- support with promotion
- career transitions
- strategies for achieving academic success

Consultations are especially useful to faculty at a career crossroads, e.g., near the end of a funding cycle, deciding between different employment opportunities.

**Project-Specific Consultations**
Senior faculty provide concrete, one-time project-specific advice to:

- conceptualize projects
- identify key collaborations
- identify potential grant sources
- problem-solve
- get advice on tasks such as grant-writing, IRB submissions, hiring staff, and study recruitment
- strategies for achieving academic success
- career transitions
- problem-solve
- get advice on tasks such as grant-writing, IRB submissions, hiring staff, and study recruitment

If interested, or know a mentee who may benefit, please contact:

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