

# UCLA CTSI Clinical and Translational Science Institute



## PATHFINDER AWARD WEBINAR

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# Pathfinder Award



- Up to \$50K for one year
- Tests solutions to roadblocks that slow the pace of translation
- Views translation as an operational and scientific problem

# Translation



- Moves knowledge along a research continuum to improve human health
- Four translational phases
  - **T1**: preclinical and animal studies, early-stage human trials, proof-of-concept studies (*translation to humans*)
  - **T2**: later-phase clinical trials (*translation to patients*)
  - **T3**: health services research, implementation research, studies in real-world settings (*translation to practice*)
  - **T4**: interventions that improve population health; social determinants of health (*translation to populations*)

# Eligible Projects



- **Operational improvements or innovations**
  - Research networking software
  - User-friendly forms (e.g., IRB, informed consent)
  - New, Web-based courses for CTSI
  - Data management for the research community
  - Recruitment tools
  - New approaches to services
- **Novel methods or technologies**
  - Infrastructure that enhances the *conduct* of research
  - Informatics, phenotyping, novel study design

# Important Caveats



- Proposals should **NOT**
  - Duplicate existing core infrastructure on CTSI campuses
  - Simply extend an existing research project to propose a solution that is not generalizable or scalable

# Details



- Eligibility
  - **Faculty in any series at CTSI partners** (CSMC, CDU, UCLA-Westwood, LABiomed) **or affiliated institutions** (Greater Los Angeles VA, Olive View, Santa Monica Hospital, RAND)
  - Community partners, postdocs may participate on teams
- Submission deadline is **May 15 at 5 p.m.**
  - Go to <http://www.ctsi.ucla.edu/funding/pages/fund> to view RFA

# Application



- Specific aims and research strategy – 3 pages
- **Timeline, milestones and metrics – 1 page**
- Budget and budget justification
- **Biosketches for PI or multi PI and key personnel**
- Letters of Support

# Review



- NIH review criteria, scoring, and policies apply
- **Additional local criteria**
  - Does the proposal address a significant roadblock to translation?
  - Is the proposed solution generalizable to the national network of 62 CTSA institutions?
  - Is the team multidisciplinary?
  - Does the project involve community?
  - Is the project feasible in the time and budget allowed?
  - Does the proposal include a dissemination plan?
  - If successful, is the project likely to accelerate translation?

# CTSI Priorities



- Community engagement
- Multidisciplinary team science
- Accelerate the pace of translation

*Proposals that address one or more of these areas will receive highest priority*

*But -- it is not expected that a proposal will address all three areas*

# Additional Information



- Awardees will be asked to
  - Receive a brief consultation in the conduct of **community-engaged research**
  - Participate in the **Team Science Initiative**, a short training with follow-up survey

# Key Dates and Contacts



- Key dates
  - April 15 – RFA released
  - **May 15 – Submission deadline**
  - July 1 – Earliest start date
- Contacts
  - Denise Gellene, [dgellene@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:dgellene@mednet.ucla.edu) (for RFA-related questions)
  - Maryam Ariannejad, [mariannejad@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:mariannejad@mednet.ucla.edu) (for technical questions related to submission)



**Questions?**