

# UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute Integrating Special Populations (ISP)



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, The Lundquist Institute 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

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

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Recipients of CTSI services will receive a brief online survey for our annual NIH progress report obligations.

## 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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