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**Processes and Methods**

**Application Instructions**

**Funding Period: 03/10/2016-6/30/2016**

## Application Submission Deadlines: March 1, 2016

For questions regarding these instructions, please visit <http://cctst.uc.edu/programs/pilot/#processes> or contact Beth Hezlep at 513-803-7039 (beth.hezlep@cchmc.org).

1. **Background:** The Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training (CCTST) is supported by the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). The mission of the CCTST is to stimulate research that has the potential to positively impact human health. The Processes and Methods pilot grant mechanism is designed to enable investigators at all levels to explore ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the processes and methods used in clinical and translational research.
2. **Purpose of grants:** This small grants program is designed to support investigators at all levels including, but not limited to, clinical research professionals, data management specialists, community members (defined broadly to include Greater Cincinnati) and patient advocacy groups at a local, regional or national level. The goal of this program is to improve processes and methods in clinical and translational research. As examples, the program will support efforts to improve complex data acquisition and harmonization methods that will facilitate the expansion, rigor, and authenticity of inter-institutional data sets. Innovative methods for enhancing the recruitment of specialized populations such as underrepresented minorities (URM) and vulnerable populations including infants, children, pregnant women and prisoners are also desired. Each of the RFA submission dates will have a specific focus and 3-5 deadlines/year are planned. **For the March 1, 2016 submission deadline, we are looking for applications that describe innovative processes or methods for recruiting underrepresented minorities in clinical research, particularly applications that align with the following areas:**
3. **Identification of barriers and strategies for research participation.** Methods and processes foridentifying salient barriers in the recruitment of URMs in research studies and how to overcome them are encouraged. Studies of strategies for increasing awareness, knowledge, and participation and that overcome identified barriers are desired. Identifying methods for building trust between URMs and researchers that result in increased participation in research are a priority.
4. **Involving community leaders and fostering multisector collaborations.** Methods and processes for creating new paths to diversity in research projects by eliciting the support of trusted community leaders that can engage potential participants before they reach the provider’s office remain a priority. Working with leaders from established community organizations is recommended. Methods investigating and/or applying best practices for multisector collaborations (education, health, social, housing) to improve the recruitment of URMs and vulnerable populations are encouraged.
5. **Innovative Partnerships and Technology.** Utilization of methods and processes that are innovative and incorporate new technology or partnerships to broaden scope and diversity of research participant population. Examples of these methods include use of newer technologies (e.g. social media, video chat, telemedicine) or unique partnerships to (e.g. design, business, engineering) promote the engagement of underrepresented and vulnerable populations in research.
6. **Eligibility**: Applications will be accepted from faculty or staff from all University of Cincinnati campuses, the Academic Health Center (CCHMC, UC, VAMC, UCMC), or any of the regional colleges including Xavier University, Mount Saint Joseph University, Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College, and Miami University. This program is open to members of the Greater Cincinnati community and patient advocacy groups at a local, regional or national level. Advanced degrees (MD, PhD, MD-PhD or equivalent) are not required for eligibility. Collaborative groups of investigators spanning disciplines and programs are strongly encouraged. Submissions from underrepresented and minority investigators are also encouraged.
7. **CCTST Membership**: All applicants for Processes and Methods pilot grant consideration must be CCTST members. CCTST membership is free and open to all. For more information about CCTST membership and our online membership registration form go to <http://cctst.uc.edu/user/register>.
8. **Process**: Applicants must submit a 1-page proposal in the format listed below. There will be 1 final deadline for this fiscal year: March 1, 2016. Funding requests of up to $10,000 are acceptable. Special requests for funding up to $20,000 must be approved, prior to submission, in writing by Drs. Heubi, McCormack or Trapnell (beth.hezlep@cchmc.org). Funds should not be used to support faculty salaries or salaries of the investigators but can be used for support staff or other expenses related to the application. Awards will be made within 1 month of the deadline and must be utilized within the fiscal year awarded (by June 30, 2016). THERE WILL BE NO CARRYOVER OF AWARDS BEYOND JUNE 30, 2016.
9. **Application submission: Please** note that applications must be submitted through the **CCTST Competition and Awards Program Site (CCAPS)**: [**https://ccaps.research.cchmc.org/welcome**](https://ccaps.research.cchmc.org/welcome). Log in using your UC (“6+2”) or CCHMC username and password. If you do not have a UC or CCHMC username and password, please contact Beth Hezlep at beth.hezlep@cchmc.org or 513 803-7039 to obtain one.
10. **Signatures:** The signatures of all participating investigators and their respective division director, departmental chairperson(s), or organization leader are required.
11. **Application forms and guidelines**: Applications must be assembled as a single PDF file and submitted through CCAPS before midnight of the application submission deadline date. The application form was modified from the PHS 398 form located at <http://Grants.Nih.Gov/Grants/Funding/Phs398/Phs398.html>) and is attached. This RFA announcement is also published on the CCTST website under Funding Opportunities, <http://cctst.uc.edu/funding> or under Processes and Methods Pilot Grant Program, <http://cctst.uc.edu/programs/pilot/#processes>. Labs/investigators that have received CCTST funding in the past 12 months are not eligible for Processes and Methods funding.
12. **Composition of research proposal:** Proposals should include a face page, NIH biosketch (if not available a resume or CV can be submitted) and a 1-page brief description of the project including the following items: a) cite any prior CCTST funding, resulting grant submissions and outcomes, b) background, c) hypothesis or aims, d) a clear, itemized, one or two sentence description of how the funds will be spent ($10,000-20,000), e) how this award might position you to apply for additional extramural support in a related area, f) attestations that; 1. The current Processes and Methods proposal does not overlap with other CCTST funding for key personnel, 2. You will notify CCTST of future grant applications (submitted, funding received, denied) and comply with CCTST queries and requests for information, and 3. Any publications will acknowledge the [National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) program](http://www.ncats.nih.gov/research/cts/ctsa/ctsa.html), grant 1UL1TR001425-01.
13. **Review criteria:**

Applications will be reviewed based on responsiveness to the RFA, scientific merit, feasibility, and potential impact of the work on improving the processes/methods used in the clinical/translational research process.

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| CCTST Pilot Grant Program**Processes and Methods Pilot Grant Application** |
| 1. TITLE OF PROJECT *(Do not exceed 56 characters, including spaces and punctuation.)*      |
| 1a. Type of application: [ ]  Research proposal [ ]  TR Faculty Development Award [ ]  Retreat proposal [ ]  Core proposal |
| **2. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/PROGRAM DIRECTOR** | **New CCTST Investigator [ ]  No [ ]  Yes** |
| 2a. NAME *(Last, first, middle)*      | 2b. DEGREE(S) |  |
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| 2c. POSITION TITLE      | 2d. MAILING ADDRESS *(Street, city, state, zip code)*      |
| 2e. DIVISION      |  |
| 2f. DEPARTMENT, SERVICE, LABORATORY, OR EQUIVALENT      |
| 2g. TELEPHONE AND FAX *(Area code, number and extension)* | E-MAIL ADDRESS: |
| TEL:       | FAX:       |       |
| **3. CO-INVESTIGATOR** | **New CCTST Investigator [ ]  No [ ]  Yes** |
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| 4. Human Subjects Research[ ]  No [ ]  Yes | 4a. Research Exempt[ ]  No [ ]  YesIf “Yes,” Exemption No.      | 4b. Human Subjects Assurance No.4c. NIH-Defined Phase I Clinical Trial[ ]  No [ ]  Yes | 5. Human Subjects Protection Certification: [ ]  No [ ]  Yes5a. Certification Date:      |
| 6. Vertebrate Animals[ ]  No [ ]  Yes6a. If “Yes,” IACUC Approval Date     6b. Animal Welfare Assurance No.      | 7. IBC Protocol[ ]  No [ ]  Yes7a. If “Yes,” Approval Date:     7b. Approval Number:      | 8. Radiation[ ]  No [ ]  Yes8a. If “Yes,” Approval Date      |  |
| 9. DATES OF PROPOSED PERIOD OFSUPPORT *(month, day, year—MM/DD/YY)* | 1. COSTS REQUESTED

Direct Costs ($)      |  |
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| 12. The undersigned reviewed this application for a CCTST research award and are familiar with the policies, terms, and conditions of UC and/or CCHMC concerning research support and accept the obligation to comply with all such policies, terms, and conditions. |
| Primary Applicant:       | Division Chair of Primary Applicant:       |
| Signature of Primary Applicant | Date: | Signature of Division Chair of Primary Applicant | Date: |
| Affiliate applicant:       | Division Chair of Affiliate Applicant:       |
| Signature of Affiliate Applicant | Date: | Signature of Division Chair of Affiliate Applicant:       | Date: |
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