



## Spring 2018 Program Description and Call for Applications

SC CTSI is seeking applications for pilot research projects of **up to \$40,000 each** from individual investigators or small research teams in two areas:

### Clinical and Community Research

- To support preliminary research that will lead to larger extramurally-funded human mechanistic studies, clinical trials, community trials, health outcomes research, or implementation research.
- To support pre-existing research in the above referenced areas by incorporating a different discipline and investigator who is new to collaboration with the current team. The award may be used to leverage data and resources from a currently funded project to expand the research in a new direction, ultimately leading to the submission of an additional grant or expansion of the current effort to a larger-scale extramurally-funded project.

**Priority:** Preference and highest priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a clear path to sustaining extramural funding or to direct implementation of improvements in clinical and translational research processes. Proposals will be evaluated using an NIH-style peer review process.

#### Timeline:

- **Application Portal Opens January 2, 2018 (Link TBA)**
- **Application Deadline: February 15, 2018, 11:59 PST**
- **Final Selection Made:** May 2018
- **Submission of regulatory approvals to institution and NIH:** May 2018
- **Funding Initiated:** July 1st, 2018

### Improving Research Methods and Processes

- To support the development and testing of new approaches or tools that increase the speed, efficiency, safety, or quality of clinical, community, health outcomes or implementation research. Successful applicants will define challenges or barriers in the conduct of research and propose development of solutions that can be tested within the pilot project and/or with subsequent extramural funding.

**SC CTSI pilot funding program is not intended to fund basic or preclinical research.**

#### Eligibility:

- 1) Full-time faculty members at USC and CHLA as of the date of the award are eligible to apply as PI.
- 2) Postdocs, residents, fellows, students, and community members can be included as co-Is.
- 3) International faculty who are non-US citizens/permanent residents must have a USC appointment with a visa to remain in the US for the duration of the proposed project.

**Application Due:  
02/15/2018**



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