



## CCTS Partner Network Pilot Program Request for Applications

The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is to advance translational investigation and to apply discovery research to human health. The CCTS Partner Network is especially interested in supporting scientific investigation of particular importance to the health of our region, including, but not limited to, cardiometabolic, vascular, immunologic and cancer-related diseases. Through the **CCTS Partner Network Pilot Program**, we seek to develop the future research workforce in a spirit that fosters collaboration, team science, and innovative discovery. The CCTS seeks research applications that address scientific questions across the translational spectrum. Applications are also invited from researchers to address novel approaches to therapeutics or strategies that promote innovation and efficiency in clinical trial participant recruitment.

Clinical and translational research is characterized by a range of activities where critical insights pass between research modes, leading to real improvements in human health. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) defines translational research broadly. This breadth is often referred to as T1-T4.

**Complete Application guidelines are available on the CCTS website:** <http://www.uab.edu/ccts/research-commons> – click on Pilot Funding. Please see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for further clarifications.

**Eligibility.** This program is primarily intended to support full-time faculty who are new investigators. Applications will also be accepted from established investigators with a previous history of funding with justification of eligibility. PIs must be based at a Partner Institution – please visit the CCTS website (below) for more information on eligibility.

**Funding.** Applicants may request up to \$60,000 with the CCTS Hub committing up to half. Matching support must be identified from a Partner Institution on behalf of a school, a department, a division, etc. A letter of support from co-sponsor(s) must be included in the application package. Awards will be limited to 12 months in duration. Applicants should visit the CCTS website (below) for more information on co-sponsorship requirements.

**Applications should be submitted to the CCTS ([ccts@uab.edu](mailto:ccts@uab.edu)) by the specified deadline and will include:**

1. A three-page research strategy organized like an NIH R02/R21 with Significance, Innovation and Approach sections including a descriptive title and comment on eligibility;
2. Budget (PHS 398) and budget justification for 12 month award; and
3. NIH biographical sketch of the principle investigator including research support (new format, [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424R-R\\_biosketchsample\\_VerC.docx](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424R-R_biosketchsample_VerC.docx))
4. Letter(s) of Support from co-sponsor(s)

**Questions?** Visit the CCTS Research Commons (<http://www.uab.edu/ccts/research-commons> – click on Pilot Funding) or contact the CCTS (205.934.7442; [ccts@uab.edu](mailto:ccts@uab.edu)).



The **CCTS Partner Network** crosses institutional boundaries to improve human health and health care delivery. This innovative partnership provides the foundation for addressing health disparities through collaborative research and training efforts. Building on some initial relationships from the Deep South Network for Translational Research, we have significantly expanded to create new and more formal partnerships with regional institutions for mutual benefit. Regional partners are working together to facilitate and promote unique opportunities, including (but not limited to) drug discovery and development, genomics, advanced magnetic resonance imaging, population health and outcomes research. Partners include UAB (Hub), Southern Research, Auburn, South Alabama, HudsonAlpha, LSU, Mississippi Medical Ctr., Pennington, Tulane, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee).

See <http://www.uab.edu/ccts/partners>

### Key Dates

Posted Date	June 17, 2015
Full Application Due Date	July 27, 2015, 5pm CT
Awards Announced (Expected)	September 1, 2015