



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Due July 31, 2024 at 5 pm

The Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics (ITMAT) is seeking proposals from the Penn/CHOP community for potential inclusion in our upcoming NIH CTSA renewal submission.

As our hub institutions work to develop a successful renewal application for next cycle of our CTSA award, we are reaching out to our investigative community for input on an important element of the application. Our renewal application must include multiple separate research proposals that address truly significant roadblocks in the conduct of clinical and translational research [[Austin CP Clin Transl Sci May 2021](#)]. Proposals must have the potential to yield innovations or insights that are generalizable to different disease areas and can increase the overall efficiency or effectiveness of the process of translation.

For this Call for Proposals, we are seeking research projects that address a translational research barrier. Projects must be focused on clinical and translational science rather than on basic discovery research.

Applicants must submit the following via [ITMAT Pilot Grants application](#) **by 5 pm on 7/31/2024. Once in the Pilot grant program, please choose CTSA Element E:**

- Letter of Intent (2 pages max, following template provided)
- NIH biosketches for submitting PIs/CoPIs

There is a limit of \$500,000 for element E of the grant. It is likely that two projects will be submitted for Element E. Please submit a budget that does not exceed \$250,000 in direct costs for a period of 1 to 3 years. Projects selected for inclusion in the CTSA grant submission must submit a full 6-page proposal and a detailed budget within sixty (60) days of notification of selection.

Examples of approaches to mitigating 'translational roadblocks' could include:

- Identifying addressable barriers to clinical trial recruitment and diversity
- Adoption of novel clinical trial designs to enhance efficiency and fidelity
- Methods to improve data interoperability and transparency
- Studies to determine how best to build trust
- Supporting a robust stakeholder engagement effort
- Identifying well curated and appropriately phenotyped biospecimens for translational research questions.

If you have questions regarding submission logistics related to this opportunity, please contact Jackie Rhodes, jarhodes@upenn.edu. If you have any questions related to the overall call for proposals, please contact Charles Molli, cmolli@upenn.edu, Patrick O'Keefe, okeefep@chop.edu, or Lorri Schieri, schieril@upenn.edu.