

Request for Applications

Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Studies Program

The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is now accepting applications for Pilot Project Funding. The purpose of this funding mechanism is to encourage **new multidisciplinary research groups** to address integrated solutions to complex clinical and translational problems. It is expected that through generation of preliminary data this funding will facilitate researchers in acquiring extramural support for new and expanded biomedical research efforts.

We will support two types of Pilot Projects:

- **Pilot and collaborative studies** is a broad category intended to support investigators who wish to develop new clinical/translational research collaborations to improve the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of human illness. These new teams must be composed of investigators from multiple colleges or distinct disciplines bridging at least two of the domains of basic, clinical or translational science. Applicants should propose a hypothesis that will eventually require a human experiment to determine its validity.
- **Novel methodology initiatives** must be fundamentally designed to address issues related to improved study design, research ethics, analysis and biostatistics, regulatory or new clinical and translational science technologies. Consideration will be given to researchers **developing** new methodologies or technologies or to researchers **utilizing** the two targeted “testbed” technologies of microRNA or laser capture microdissection. Of primary importance is clearly identifying how the development and implementation of these technologies will benefit the broader clinical and translational research community at OSU and the CTSA national consortium.

All proposals that incorporate junior faculty or trainees and new investigators mentored by senior investigators will be given highest priority.

A maximum of six awards of \$30,000 each will be given to support pilot projects (no indirect costs allowed). Funding can be used to support any direct expenditure appropriate to furthering the research goals. Funding will not be awarded as bridge funding for ongoing projects or to purchase large equipment for use as a core resource. In addition to financial support, OSU CCTS has extensive infrastructure services that are available to funded Pilot Projects; investigators are encouraged to take advantage of these services as a way to extend their research capacity.

Eligibility Information: All OSU faculty researchers involved in clinical or translational science may apply for the six pilot awards.

Application Deadline: Proposals are currently being accepted for FY09 programming; deadline for submission is **5:00 pm January 10, 2009**. Electronic copies of proposals and any questions should be submitted to: ccts-admin@osumc.edu. **More information and complete instructions are available at <http://ccts.osu.edu/>.**

The OSU CCTS RFA review committee will review proposals and select awardees. Award decisions will be made by February 15, 2009 and award funding will be available February 28, 2009.