Center for Clinical and Translational Science

CCTS Small Grants Program

Small grants of up to $5000 are available to help strengthen applications for extramural research grants (for example, NIH R or K-awards or awards from private foundations). These grants are limited to six months in duration. This mechanism will not fund clinical trials (NIH definition).

Emphasis is given to applications that promote translational research on human conditions and involve a clinician in the investigating team (i.e. physician, nurse, pharmacist, clinical social worker, etc.). Projects that do not directly involve human subjects must include a clear description of how these studies, if funded, will develop new knowledge that will lead to translational studies, and how such studies will have an impact on health and disease in Kentucky.

Project Priority
- Preference will be given to investigators to obtain preliminary data for an extramural grant submission.
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration involving clinicians in the investigating team.

Eligibility
- Full time faculty (all title series including regular, research, clinical and special) at the University of Kentucky.

Allowable Expenses	Non-allowable expenses
CCTS services	Clinical trials
Research Assistant salaries	Faculty salaries
Research supplies	Travel to conferences
Research services	Publication fees
Other critical research support	Workshop/conference/meals
Travel to research sites	

Required documents (combined into a single PDF)

- ☐ Short research description (2 page max) including the following:
  - o Significance
    - Explain the importance of the problem or critical barrier to progress in the field that the proposed project addresses.
    - Include information on Preliminary Studies. Discuss the PI's preliminary studies, data, and/or experience pertinent to this application. Preliminary data can be an essential part of a research grant application and help to establish the likelihood of success of the proposed project.
  - o Approach
    - Describe the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses to be used to accomplish the specific aims of the project. Include how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted as well as any resource sharing plans as appropriate.
  - o Future direction
    - Explain how the current research will contribute/strengthen an external research application
    - If these small grant funds are being requested in response to a critique related to a previously reviewed extramural grant, please include a copy of the summary statement from the extramural grant review.
- ☐ If this project is directly related to an extramural grant submission, please include the specific aims page for that grant application in the appendix.
- ☐ IRB / IACUC approval letter, if available
- ☐ NIH biosketch for faculty listed as study personnel
- ☐ Budget and budget justification ($5,000 maximum per proposal).
  - o If your study will utilize CCTS core services, you must obtain a budget estimate from each core prior to submitting your budget for review. To do this, please submit a CCTS service request form selecting each service needed. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Joel Thompson (Joel.thompson@uky.edu; 859-323-7939).
  - o The use of the following form is REQUIRED: PHS 398 Form Page 4 "Detailed Budget for the Initial Period" found here:
- ☐ If the project does not involve humans, there should be a clear description of how these studies will develop new knowledge that will lead to translational studies, and how such studies will have an impact on health and disease in Kentucky.

- ☐ Letter of support from the Department Chair/ immediate supervisor that includes acknowledgement of their support for the project and providing assurance that sufficient protected time to complete the research will be available.

  Please submit your application using the following Application link: *https://redcap.uky.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=eE38BAZLmY*

Review Criteria

Funding decisions will be made based on scientific merit, relevance to program goals, and potential for extramural support.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by members of the CCTS Small Grant Review Committee.

Deadline

The CCTS Small Grants Program is a rolling submission format. Proposals are accepted year-round; submissions are reviewed and awards made on an ongoing basis.

Award

Awardees may hold only one CCTS Grant Award at a time. Funds will be available for a maximum of six months from date of award and may not be renewed. Awardees will be asked for a brief final progress report at the end of the project.