

MIAMI CTSI FY23 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT
 October 25, 2022

Miami CTSI Mission

The mission of the Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is to accelerate and transform culturalized clinical and translational science, and to be indispensable to our translational researchers by: (1) fostering a proficient research workforce, (2) promoting sharing and efficient use of resources, information and people, (3) achieving continuous quality improvement, and (4) uniting community partners, stakeholders, and researchers to effectively plan, conduct, and translate research to care.

Intention of CTSI Pilot Awards

Pilot projects are expected to generate publications and data for external funding for talented junior investigators. In alignment with the Miami CTSI mission, pilot funds are meant to support innovative, interdisciplinary, health disparities-oriented and clinical translational science research proposals that clearly align with our goals of **improving community health, addressing disparities, and promoting health equity**. Funding is prioritized for projects that directly relate to health disparities, or address challenges in health areas that disproportionately affect minority health and/or underserved populations.

Budgetary Information

The CTSI Pilot Program will award up to **four** (4) meritorious projects of **up to \$40K each**. Funds can be used for a variety of scientific needs. The award period is 12 months, with an estimated project period of March 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024 (start date subject to NIH/NCATS prior approval). The projects are expected to be completed within the award period as No-Cost-Extensions (NCE) will not be available.

Awards are for direct costs only (NIH allowable direct costs). Indirect (overhead) costs will **not** be awarded under the CTSI Pilot Program. All efforts must be made to use UM resources when available. Unallowable costs: faculty salary, subawards/consulting/services outside UM, equipment.

Application

Proposal submission is electronic via CTSI FY23 Pilot Application. Submissions that are incomplete or otherwise do not follow instructions both in this RFA and within the application will be considered unresponsive and will not be reviewed. Applicants/projects not meeting eligibility criteria will not be reviewed.

Deadlines & Award Timeline

RFA Issued	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Information Session (optional)	Thursday, November 3, 2022 5pm – <i>registration required in advance</i> Pilot Application Information Session
Applications Due	Thursday, December 1, 2022 by 11:59 PM
Funding Decisions	Friday, February 17, 2023
Estimated Award Period	March 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

Applicant Eligibility

All eligibility criteria must be met **as of application due date** (December 1, 2022).

- Only full-time faculty at the ranks of Assistant or Associate Professors are eligible to apply as Principal Investigators (PI). Full Professors may serve only as co-investigators or mentors.
- Jackson Health System and Miami VA full-time faculty may apply as PI, with at least one full-time UM faculty co-investigator.
- Residents, instructors, staff, post-doctoral and clinical fellows are **not** eligible.
- Proposals submitted by women, individuals from [disadvantaged backgrounds](#), and/or individuals from racial/ethnic groups underrepresented in sciences and medicine are encouraged. For more information, please visit [NIH guidance on underrepresented groups in the extramural scientific workforce](#).

Project Eligibility

- The research supported by this program must be **translational in nature**. Basic research projects are not eligible. For detailed information, visit [NCATS Translational Spectrum](#).
- Research projects conducted outside of the U.S. to any extent will not be considered responsive to this RFA.
- Only new applications and first resubmissions to any UM internal award mechanism are allowed.

Evaluation Criteria, Review & Selection Process

The scientific and technical merit of the proposals will be evaluated using the [NIH Peer Review Criteria](#). Miami CTSI priorities including team science projects, projects with robust stakeholder engagement, those leveraging tools of dissemination and implementation science, and those promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, will be carefully considered. All reviewed applications will receive reviewer feedback. The CTSI Pilot award review is a two-tier process:

(1) Applications will undergo:

- Scientific and technical merit review by the CTSI Pilot Program Review Committee.
- Biostatistics, Ethics, and/or Regulatory review at the discretion of CTSI Pilot Director and/or reviewers.
- Budget and administrative review by CTSI fiscal and administrative teams.

(2) Applications within the funding range will undergo a programmatic review by the CTSI Executive Committee.

Note: If needed due to internal conflicts of interest, external reviewers may be involved.

General Information

- **Biostatistics Consultations are MANDATORY.** Applicants are required to meet with the [Biostatistics Collaboration and Consulting Core](#) (BCCC) for a free initial consultation before applications are submitted. Free biostatistical support is provided to awarded pilots.
- **Administrative/Fiscal Consultations are MANDATORY.** Contact [Melanie Weiss](#) to coordinate your administrative/fiscal review prior to submitting your application.
- Regulatory, participant recruitment, and community engagement consultations by the CTSI team are available upon request.
- For additional details about the Pilot Program, visit the [Miami CTSI website](#).

NIH Prior Approval Process

The Miami CTSI receives funding from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Awarded pilot projects involving human subjects and/or live vertebrate animals **must receive approval from NCATS prior to starting research** (drawing down funds) and can only be obtained with valid IRB/IACUC/required regulatory approval documentation. NCATS Prior Approval typically takes a minimum of 30 days and awardees will work with the CTSI team to ensure prior approval requirements are met and documentation submitted.

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