

## MIAMI CTSI FY27 PILOT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTENT (LOI)

April 2, 2026

### Miami CTSI Focus

The primary focus of the Miami Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is to advance Clinical and Translational Science (CTS), with the **overarching goals of addressing and improving the health of our South Florida communities**. [Translational Science](#), as defined by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the field that generates scientific and operational innovations that overcome longstanding challenges along the translational research pipeline. These include innovations that transform the way research is done, making it faster, more efficient, and more impactful.

### Intention of CTSI Pilot Awards

In alignment with the Miami CTSI mission, pilot funds will support innovative, interdisciplinary, clinical translational science proposals that are well-aligned with the CTSI's overarching goals. Pilot projects will be led by talented junior investigators under the mentorship of established investigators. Projects will generate data and information to support subsequent external funding. **All projects are expected to result in at least one peer-review first authored publication by the awardee.**

### Budgetary Information

The CTSI Pilot Program will award meritorious projects for **up to \$40,000 each**. Funds can be used for a variety of scientific needs (e.g. staff salaries, supplies, participant payments). The award period is 12 months, and per NCATS guidelines, no cost extensions will not be available.

Awards are for direct costs only ([NIH allowable direct costs](#)). All efforts must be made to utilize UM facilities and resources. **Unallowable costs** include faculty salary; equipment; foreign involvement, and subawards/consulting outside UM.

### Letter of Intent Instructions

Proposal submission is a two-step process that first requires a Letter of Intent (LOI) and then a Full Application, once invited. The LOI is a short, structured electronic questionnaire: [CTSI-FY27-Pilot Awards-LOI](#), and will be reviewed based on eligibility criteria, relevance to the Miami CTSI's overarching goals and potential impact on clinical and translational science (CTS).

- 1. Mandatory:** LOI applicants are required to visit the [Miami CTSI Translational Science webpage](#) and download the CTS Guide Sheet found within the REDCap LOI form.
- 2. Optional but strongly encouraged:** Attend the [information session](#) to gain a clear understanding of the goals of the program. For those unable to attend, the session will be taped and added to our website the following day.

LOI submissions that are incomplete or otherwise do not follow instructions will not be considered for review. Late LOIs will not be accepted. Applicants whose LOIs are consistent with the goals of the CTSI Pilot Program will be invited to submit Full Applications and will receive additional details and instructions on the submission and review process at that time.

## Applicant Eligibility

All eligibility criteria must be met **as of application due date** (July 9, 2026).

- Only full-time faculty at the ranks of Assistant and non-tenured Associate Professor are eligible to apply as Principal Investigator (PI). Full Professors may serve only as co-investigators or mentors.
- Residents, instructors, staff, post-doctoral and clinical fellows are not eligible to apply as PI.

## Project Eligibility

- Translational research projects aligned with our overarching CTSI goals
- Discovery science/basic science/early translation/basic science projects are welcomed but such applications must articulate how their projects will contribute toward the CTSI's overarching goals.
- Projects must clearly articulate a [clinical translational science \(CTS\)](#) component. For detailed information, visit [NCATS Translational Spectrum](#) and/or request consultation with CTSI to ensure your project meets criteria.
- Projects must include a community engagement component and address the applicability and generalizability of the project results to the population groups that comprise South Florida.

Projects that are not considered responsive to this funding opportunity include:

- Projects without a well-defined CTS component, i.e., projects only focused on crossing a specific step of the translational process for a particular target or disease.
- Projects without a solid community engagement plan.
- Projects with foreign involvement to any extent (examples include foreign involvement related to human subject recruitment/study enrollment, or if a large portion of the scope and/or budget will be attributed to a foreign company). If you are unsure whether your proposed project includes foreign involvement, discuss with us in advance of submission.
- Applications that have been reviewed twice by the CTSI Pilot Program and not funded.

## Deadlines & Award Timeline

Request for LOIs	Thursday, April 2, 2026
Information Session ( <i>optional</i> )	Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @5pm - <i>registration required</i> <a href="#">Pilot Application Information Session</a>
Letter of Intent (LOI) Due	Wednesday, April 29, 2026 by 11:59 PM
Invitation to Submit Full Application	Monday, May 11, 2026
Full Applications Due ( <i>invited applicants only</i> )	Monday, July 9, 2026 by 11:59 PM
Funding Decisions Announced	October 2026
Obtain Regulatory Approval <u>and</u> NCATS Prior Approval	October - January 2027
Estimated Award Period ( <i>requires NCATS Prior Approval</i> )	February 2027 - January 2028

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For additional details about the Pilot Program, visit the [Miami CTSI website](#).

## Did you know there are multiple resources available from CTSI and throughout UM that may be beneficial to your research?

- [Research Compass](#): This dynamic tool, organized around the stages of the research lifecycle, will guide you to the critical resources needed to make research and scholarship happen at the University of Miami.
- [Epic SlicerDicer](#): UChart's self-service reporting tool for exploratory data analysis and identification of patient cohorts for research
- [Consent-to-Contact](#): Resource for recruitment of UHealth patients into clinical studies
- [MyChart Research Recruitment](#): Tool available through Epic allowing study teams to send recruitment messages to patients who have an active MyUHealthChart account AND are part of the Consent to Contact Registry
- [REDCap](#): Software for data collection where users can build and manage online surveys and databases
- [IT Resources for Researchers](#): Variety of technological resources to assist researchers, consultations also available
- [UMiamiHealthResearch.org](#): A searchable web-based community facing tool for UM study teams to feature their health research studies and connect with potential volunteers
- [CTSI Consultation Services](#): The Miami CTSI advises researchers on available resources and helps them navigate research-related processes
- [ONENESS Research Solution \(ORS\)](#): secure web-based research query tool based on EMR data from Jackson Health System (JHS) and made possible through the oneness initiative – a partnership between the University of Miami Health System and JHS.