UF STEM Translational Communication Center
UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute

Translational Communication Research Pilot Project Awards
2018-2019 Request for Applications (RFA)

Timeline

Application Deadline: April 9, 2018 by 5 p.m.

Notice of Awards by April 30, 2018

Award Funding Period: May 7, 2018 – May 7, 2019

Purpose

The UF STEM Translational Communication Center (STCC) and the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) are pleased to announce their intramural awards to support the growth of interdisciplinary and investigator-initiated translational communication research across UF's broad range of scientific disciplines. It is expected that all research supported by the STCC/CTSI Pilot Project Awards will result in one or more publications in a peer-reviewed journal and will provide critical preliminary data to support extramural applications.

This RFA supports original research on the design, dissemination, or evaluation of translational communication efforts. Translational communication is defined as strategically adapting information to improve accessibility, comprehension, and usability by the intended audience to improve human health and well-being. For more details about different types of translational communication research, please visit our website: **https://www.jou.ufl.edu/stem/**.

There are two types of awards available through this RFA: Faculty and Trainee.
Areas of particular interest for this RFA include, but are not limited to, projects that have implications for the recruitment and retention of research participants or novel dissemination strategies.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be an UF faculty member or an UF trainee (resident, graduate student, post doc, or fellow) at the time of award. See "Guidelines by Type of Award" for additional details.

- Applicants can only submit one application for which they are the principal investigator, but individuals can be listed as co-investigators on more than one proposal.

- Recipients of previous CTSI pilot awards are eligible to apply for awards to support fundamentally new research projects providing awards are at least two years apart.

Requirements for Award Recipients

- Award recipients must be in compliance with all IRB policies. Applicants whose proposals will require IRB approvals should demonstrate they have taken preliminary steps to prepare submissions so minimal time will be lost in securing approvals. Funding cannot be used until appropriate approvals are in place.

- Award recipients must submit progress reports 6 months and 12 months after the notice of award is received. Reports will include enrollment status and inclusion data, as well as fiscal and scientific status.

- Award recipients are expected to present their research at an UF STCC meeting and the annual UF CTSI Research Day in the form of a poster or presentation. Award recipients are also expected to present the results of their research at scientific meetings and publish findings in peer-reviewed journals.

In accordance with NIH requirements:

- All presentations and publications resulting from work funded by a STCC/CTSI Pilot Award must include a funding citation. The following language should be used: "Research reported in this publication was supported by the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which is supported in part by the NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences under award number UL1TR001427. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health."

- Award recipients must ensure that electronic versions of any peer-reviewed manuscripts arising from STCC/CTSI-funded research and accepted for publication are deposited in PubMed Central, the NIH's digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature. See http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-033.html.

- Award recipients must notify the STCC at janicekrieger@ufl.edu during the funding period if there is a significant change in the scope of work that would affect the outcome of the project or necessitate re-budgeting.

Review Process and Criteria

All proposals will be triaged for feasibility and responsiveness to the RFA. Proposals that are accepted will be referred for scientific review.

Scientific Reviews: The STCC in consultation with the CTSI will conduct a scientific review of all applications. Reviewers will use NIH review criteria to score submissions based on scientific merit.

Funding Decisions: In addition to scientific review scores, the STCC and CTSI will consider the following criteria in making funding decisions, specifically whether proposals:

- Are multidisciplinary, collaborative and/or inter-institutional in the clinical and translational communication research enterprise;
- Encourage the development or use of emerging methodologies and/or technologies that may affect future research;
- Allow rapid acquisition and/or analysis of proof-of-principle data to proceed with full-scale investigations;

- Support the participation of translational communication science trainees;
- Show significant promise in securing external funding;
- Provide insights that could be generalizable to other projects or could lead to the adoption of best practices in communicating about scientific advances in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Medicine) areas.
- Demonstrate institutional, organizational, or community support in the form of matching funds, in-kind contributions, etc.

Budgeting and Spending Requirements

- Funds can only be used for direct costs.
- Funds cannot be used to support faculty salaries.
- Funds are non-transferable.
- Funds must be used in the 12-month period following their release. Any un-spent funds will be returned to the STCC/CTSI at the end of the 12-month funding period.
- Funds must be used for the activities detailed in the application.
- Funds requested for CTSI services will be provided as non-transferable credit.
- Continued funding during the award period is contingent on compliance with awardee requirements and adequate progress in meeting the project timeline.

Total Available Funding and Award Amounts

The STCC/CTSI will award up to $15,000 <u>total</u> through this RFA depending on the quality of submissions and budget availability. Maximum amounts available for each type of award are as follows:

Type of Award	Amount Available
Trainee	up to $5,000 per award
Faculty	up to $10,000 per award

Guidelines by Type of Award

Trainees (resident, graduate student, postdoc or fellow) who have been engaged for at least one year in a terminal certificate or degree program are eligible to apply for an award of up to $5,000. This includes individuals seeking an MS, MPH or PhD with an emphasis in clinical/ translational science (including those enrolled in a T32 program). Trainees must be conducting research under the auspices of a mentor from within the College of Journalism and Communication (CJC) as well as a mentor from another College. Trainees should include a biosketch and letter of support from their mentors.

Faculty at the Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor level are eligible to compete for an award of up to $10,000. Faculty applicants should include a biosketch and letter of support from collaborators. Faculty within the CJC should have a collaborator from outside the CJC. Faculty outside the CJC should identify a collaborator within the CJC.

Application Instructions

Please send a brief letter of intent to apply by **March 26, 2018** to lyllyr@jou.ufl.edu. Include the title of the proposal, a brief abstract, and a list of investigators/ mentors. Letters of intent will be used to select reviewers.

Final pilot award applications must include the following in one PDF file:

- Cover sheet
- Abstract (200 words or less)
- Brief description (200 words or less) of the potential contribution to translational communication science
- Brief description (200 words or less) of how the proposal would lead to external support
- Mentoring plan for trainees and junior faculty (200 words or less)
- Project proposal/ research plan (five pages or less):
  - Specific aims
  - Background/Significance
  - Innovation
  - Approach (including preliminary studies, design and methodology)
  - Project timeline including IRB submission
  - References (NIH formatted; included in five-page limit)
- List of key personnel
- NIH or NSF biosketch (investigators and mentors)
- Budget and justification
- Letters of support (when applicable)
- Electronic submittals must be submitted to Lylly Rodriguez at lyllyr@jou.ufl.edu by April 2, 2018 by 5 p.m.

Proposals that are late, incomplete or otherwise do not follow instructions will be returned to the investigator without review.

Contact for Questions

For questions about the application or assistance identifying potential collaborators, please contact Yulia Strekalova, Director of Grants Development in the CJC, at yulias@ufl.edu or 352 846.2399. Applicants are encouraged to visit the STCC website for a list of affiliate members as well as other resources: http://www.jou.ufl.edu/stem/. Applicants can also visit the CTSI website at www.ctsi.ufl.edu/research to learn about additional CTSI services available to facilitate research at UF.