The UC Davis Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) requests submission of proposals in response to this call for highly innovative projects to be conducted during the 2008-2009 academic year. These awards are intended to support highly innovative projects that have the potential for unusually high impact, and will provide crucial preliminary data for new extramural grant submissions. The review process will emphasize creativity, innovativeness of the research approaches, and the potential of the project, if successful, to have a significant impact on an important clinical or translational research problem.

Funds will be available for up to $50,000 in total costs for a 12-month period beginning January 20, 2009. Support may be provided for salary, supplies, and other research-related expenses; funds may not be used to purchase equipment or for travel expenses. The proposal must include at least one trainee at the predoctoral or postdoctoral/clinical fellow level, and the role of the trainee in the project must be clearly defined. An important criteria in the review of the applications is the use of CTSC resources for the proposed project (see CTSC website - http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ctsc/).

**Purpose:** The UC Davis CTSC provides an academic home for clinical and translational research and is focused on speeding improvements in human health by reducing barriers in health-relevant research. The goal of the CTSC Pilot and Collaborative Studies Program is to enhance and augment research areas crucial to translational research by providing support for novel research projects, the development of new teams and partnerships, high risk/high impact research, and proposals that include trainees. In addition, the Program fosters new multidisciplinary collaborations that will enhance the integration of new technologies. For this call for applications, highly innovative methods and techniques from multidisciplinary investigators that include trainees in their proposals is of primary interest.

**Eligibility:** All full-time members of the UC Davis faculty, including faculty in the adjunct or research series, are invited to apply.

**Application Procedure:** Proposals are requested using the 5-page form that can be downloaded from the CTSC website (http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ctsc/). The submission must include an NIH biographical sketch for each participating investigator including predoctoral or postdoctoral (PhD or clinical fellow) trainees. Deadline date for receipt is January 6, 2009 at 5 pm.

Submitted proposals must use the following format and adhere to the requirements of the submission form:

- Specific Aims and Hypotheses
- Background and Significance
- Plan (how the proposed study is highly innovative and addresses an important problem in a unique way)
- Rationale for Requested Funding and Planned Extramural Submissions
- Role of trainees(s) and plans for mentoring
- If prior funding from the CTSC how this application represents a new and unique research direction

**Additional Requirements:** The names of all investigators funded through the CTSC Pilot and Collaborative Studies Program will be posted on the CTSC website. In addition, all investigators must participate in the annual CTSC retreat and/or associated symposia, and acknowledge the CTSC base operating grant in any abstracts or publications resulting from supported studies.

Application receipt deadline: January 6, 2009
Earliest funding start date: January 30, 2009

Each P.I. may submit one proposal only. Please send a pdf version of the application on the deadline date to: Michael Gillis michael.gillis@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

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