UC Davis CTSC Pilot and Collaborative Studies Program  
- Call for Proposals Focused on the Lifespan -

The UC Davis Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) requests submission of proposals in response to a call for studies focused on lifespan health and chronic disease to be conducted during the 2010-2011 academic year. These awards are intended to support highly meritorious projects that address areas such as: longitudinal impact of environmental and/or nutritional factors; fetal programming; risk factors for childhood and/or adult disease; genetics/epigenetics; immunity and/or inflammation; and behavior, social networks, and/or family influences. This call will also support proposals that aim to determine the validity of animal models to address lifespan health and chronic disease.

Funds will be available for up to $50,000 in total costs for a 12-month period beginning October 1, 2010. 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 must be clearly defined. An important criteria in the review of the applications is the use of CTSC resources; applicants are encouraged to contact program directors for assistance (see CTSC website - http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/ctsc/). The CTSC will also be holding a Collaborative Workshop on September 8, 2010 in the CTSC Auditorium that will address topics relevant to this call.

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, and high risk/high impact research that includes the mentoring of trainees. In addition, the Program fosters new multidisciplinary collaborations that will enhance the integration of new technologies, the validation of animal models, and new clinical and translational investigators.

Eligibility: All full-time members of the UC Davis faculty (includes adjunct or research series).

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 (Ph.D. or clinical fellow) trainees. Deadline date for receipt is September 21, 2010 at 5 pm.

Submitted proposals must use the following format and adhere to the submission form:
• Specific Aims and Hypotheses
• Background and Significance
• Experimental Plan
• Rationale for Requested Funding and Planned Extramural Submission(s)
• Specific role of trainee(s) and plans for mentoring
• If prior funding from the CTSC how this application represents a new or different 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 workshops or symposia, and acknowledge the CTSC base-operating grant in any abstracts or publications resulting from supported studies. Funds for these awards are a component of an ARRA supplement to the CTSC Pilot and Collaborative Studies Program therefore awardees will be required to comply with all NIH requirements for ARRA funds.

Application receipt deadline: September 21, 2010  
Earliest funding start date: October 1, 2010

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

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