The UC Davis Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) in collaboration with the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (WCAHS) requests submission of proposals in response to this call for projects to be conducted during the 2011-2012 academic year. These awards are intended to encourage research, intervention/prevention, translational, and outreach/education projects relating to agricultural health and safety. The applications must emphasize creativity, innovation of the approaches, and address topical issues such as farm worker injury prevention, immigration, and work force; infectious diseases; and related topics.

Funds will be available for up to $25,000 in total costs for a 9-month period beginning January 1, 2012. Support may be provided for supplies and other research-related expenses. Funds may not be used to purchase equipment or for travel expenses, and P.I. (and other faculty) salary support is not permissible. 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 very clearly defined, and with a mentoring plan. Review criteria will include the following: relevance and significance to the agricultural work place and agricultural populations in California, Hawaii, Arizona, or Nevada; feasibility and likelihood of success; and potential to lead to extramural funding. Other criteria includes use of CTSC resources (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 Translational and Clinical 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. The CTSC teams with the WCAHS for this call for proposals specifically focused on agricultural health and safety.

Eligibility: All full-time members of the UC Davis faculty, including faculty in the 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/area/pilot/documents/submission_form_wcahs.doc. 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 December 1, 2011.

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

- Specific Aims and Hypotheses
- Background and Significance
- Plan
- Rationale for Requested Funding
- Role of Trainee(s) and Mentoring Plans
- 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 Translational and Clinical Studies Program will be posted on the CTSC website. In addition, all investigators and their trainees must participate in the annual CTSC retreat and/or associated workshops and symposia, acknowledge the CTSC baseoperating grant in any abstracts or publications resulting from supported studies, and provide quarterly progress reports and a final report.

Application receipt deadline: December 1, 2011
Earliest funding start date: January 1, 2012

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

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