Spring 2019 Program Description and Call for Applications

SC CTSI is seeking applications for pilot research projects of **up to $40,000** each from individual investigators or small research teams.

**Improving Research Methods and Processes**

These awards are intended to support the development and testing of new approaches and/or tools that increase the speed, efficiency, safety and/or quality of clinical, community, health outcomes and/or implementation research. Successful applicants will define challenges or barriers in the conduct of research and propose the development of a solution or process that can be tested within the pilot project and/or with subsequent extramural funding. This mechanism is not intended to fund basic or preclinical research.

**Award**

Up to $40,000 for one year composed of a 4:1 ratio of funds from SC CTSI to funds from the investigators’ home department(s), school(s) or Institute(s). For example, the maximum award would be $32,000 from SC CTSI and $8,000 from the home department(s), school(s) and/or institute(s) of the participating investigator(s). Applications must include a letter of commitment specifying the amount and source(s) of the cost share. Applications from multiple departments can derive the cost share in any mix from the participating departments; it is up to the investigators to secure the matching funds.

**Priority:** Preference and highest priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a clear path to sustaining extramural funding or to direct implementation of improvements in clinical and translational research processes. Commitment of the PI to a career in research will be considered a plus. Proposals will be evaluated using an NIH-style peer review process.

**Eligibility:**

1) Full-time faculty members at USC and CHLA as of the date of the award are eligible to apply as PI.
2) Postdocs, residents, fellows, students, and community members can be included as co-Is.
3) International faculty who are non-US citizens/permanent residents must have a USC appointment with a visa to remain in the US for the duration of the proposed project.

**Timeline:**

- **Application Portal Opens:** January 2, 2019, [APPLY HERE](https://tinyurl.com/RDIRP)
- **Application Deadline:** February 15, 2019, 11:59 PST
- **Final Selection Made:** May 2019
- **Submission of regulatory approvals to institution and NIH:** May 2019
- **Funding Initiated:** July 1st, 2019

**Application Due:** 02/15/2019

Learn more at: [https://tinyurl.com/RDIRP](https://tinyurl.com/RDIRP)