

**Information Session: November 5, 2018**Location: NRT LG 503/504 | 12:00 PM | [RSVP HERE](#)**Application Portal Opens January 2, 2019**

## 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.**

**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.

### 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.

### 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](#)
- **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**



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