



Friday, October 6, 2017

Georgia CTSA Request for Proposal

**Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Research Design**

Georgia CTSA's Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Research Design (BERD) program is soliciting proposals to support novel methodological research in biostatistics, epidemiology, or health economics to advance clinical and translational research (CTR). Review criteria include: (i.) quantitative methodological research to fill gaps in CTR; (ii.) innovation; (iii.) feasibility; and (iv.) plans for dissemination of results. Awardees are encouraged to disseminate any software developed in their research to [CTSpedia](#), an online knowledge base for CTR, as well as other relevant publicly available software repositories.

**Georgia CTSA Mission Statement** - The institutions of the Georgia CTSA leverage their *complementary* strengths to accelerate clinical and translational education, research, and community engagement to impact health in Georgia and beyond.

**Funding** - As many as two awards of up to \$15,000 each in total direct costs

**Eligibility** - Faculty from Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia may submit proposals. Sub-contracts to Georgia CTSA-affiliated entities such as Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are allowed with justification.

Note: All pilot project recipients will be eligible for the **Georgia CTSA Award of Distinction in Team Science** – "To further promote collaboration, the Georgia CTSA Executive Oversight Council will award an annual Award of Distinction in Team Science during their annual meeting to Georgia CTSA investigators who, through their multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary collaborations, have made a profound impact in CTR."

#### **Timeline**

November 15, 2017 – proposals due

January 1, 2018 – Start Date

June 30, 2018 – End Date **(Investigators may NOT apply for a no-cost extension.)**

#### **Application Information**

Applicants should submit the following materials in one PDF file to Bekeela Davila at [bekeela.davila@emory.edu](mailto:bekeela.davila@emory.edu) no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15, 2017:

Only direct expenses for the specific project are funded. Allowable expenses include: faculty effort; course release (if relevant to your local institution); student assistance (including undergraduates, graduate students, and post-docs). Software and equipment may be requested, but these items require clear justification that the software and equipment are needed to carry out precisely and specifically the research and could not be construed as usual operating resources. The following are not allowable expenses: expenses that bind the Georgia CTSA to a future commitment; travel to conferences; expenses that could be construed as part of a faculty's usual operating expenses (e.g., the purchase of a pc or laptop); and indirect costs.

To prepare your submission, please gather the following materials in a single PDF document:

1. Specific aims (one page)
2. Research Plan (five pages maximum, no appendices)
3. CV or NIH-style biosketch (five page maximum for each PI and co-PI)
4. Bibliography of works cited in proposal
5. Course Release Form signed by the Department Chair (if applicable)

### **Funding Limits and Budgeting Requirements**

Applicants may request six months of funding with amounts up to \$15,000. **Investigators may NOT apply for a no-cost extension.** Budgets must be in the NIH R&R format [i.e. detailed, NOT modular].

### **Review and Award Process**

Applications will be reviewed in an NIH study section format with at least two reviewers assigned to each proposal. **Preference will be given to proposals conducted across the Georgia CTSA.** *Applicants will be notified by December 15, 2017 if their proposal has been accepted for funding.* All federal and university rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply.

### **Progress Reports and Citation Requirements**

Awardees are required to submit periodic progress reports and to cite the Georgia CTSA NIH award number (**UL1-TR002378**) on all products (publications, patents, presentations) resulting from this award.

**For all application and scientific questions, please contact:** John Hanfelt, PhD, [jhanfel@emory.edu](mailto:jhanfel@emory.edu)