Pilot & Feasibility Program Announcement: SMALL GRANT AWARDS (GCDTR-03)

Application Deadline: May 31, 2018

For all application and scientific questions, please contact: Mark Hutcheson, gcdtr@emory.edu.

The Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research (Georgia CDTR) is a collaboration of Emory University, Georgia Tech and Morehouse School of Medicine, with funding provided by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and interinstitutional partners. The mission of the center is to facilitate and grow diabetes translation research at Emory, its partner institutions, and regionally. In alignment with this mission, this Request for Pilot and Feasibility Applications is a solicitation for small grant proposals that focus on Type II translation research in diabetes care and prevention. **Type II (T2) translation** is defined as research focused on translating and/or implementation of interventions/approaches that have clearly demonstrated efficacy into real world health care settings, communities, and populations at risk with an emphasis on reach and sustainability.

Investigators are encouraged to propose studies that align with one or more of the Georgia CDTR’s Research Cores: Disparities, Design and Evaluation, and Engagement and Behavior Change. The **Disparities Core** addresses the roles of demographic, life-span, race/ethnicity, immigration, and diabetes co-morbidities (e.g., co-existent CVD, HIV or cognitive and psychological disorders) on diabetes rates, treatment, and outcomes. The **Design and Evaluation Core** focuses on models of delivering effective preventive and health care services, including innovative use of technologies, workforce development, and/or metrics and evaluation. The **Engagement and Behavior Change Core** focuses on enhancing adoption and maintenance of prevention and care interventions for diabetes among those in need and incorporates expertise and resources from the fields of behavioral sciences and community-based participatory research. In addition, although not required, proposals that focus on the following target populations are encouraged: minorities, the elderly, youth, and persons with HIV.

**Eligibility**

Faculty researchers from Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, University of Georgia and the Atlanta Veterans’ Affairs System are eligible to apply for pilot and feasibility funding if they fit in one of the following categories:

- Post-docs with a supporting senior Co-PI / mentor (paid effort for Co-PI/mentor is not allowed)
- Junior faculty (e.g., Assistant Professor, Clinical Lecturer, Instructor)
- Established investigators who (a) have no experience in diabetes translation research or (b) are proposing ideas that represent a clear departure from their past research and have a fully-engaged junior-level Co-PI (post-doc or junior faculty)

New investigators are a priority for funding. For any questions concerning eligibility, please contact the GCDTR program coordinator at gcdtr@emory.edu.

**Application Information**

Applicants should submit the following materials in one pdf file to Mark Hutcheson at gcdtr@emory.edu no later than 5:00 pm on May 31, 2018. Visit the “Pilot & Feasibility” section of the GCDTR website for sample forms and links to additional instructions (http://www.gcdtr.org/p and f program).

- Cover page with the title of the proposal, names and credentials of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators, and the Center Core or Cores (Disparities, Design and Evaluation, and/or Engagement and Behavior Change) to be engaged with the proposed research.
- Summary/Abstract: **Maximum 30 lines**.
- Specific Aims: **Maximum one page**.
• Research Strategy: Must include sections for Significance, Innovation, and Approach. Maximum five pages.
• References: No page limit.
• Protection of Human Subjects: Maximum one page.
• A projected Budget and Budget Justification. The Budget must be in the NIH R&R detailed (not modular) format. Refer to the NIH Budget Reference Guide and the budget template form on the GCDTR website.
• Biosketches: Include biosketches for key personnel. Biosketches must be in the current NIH-template format.

Application formatting:
- Use paper size no larger than 8 ½” x 11”.
- Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages.
- Font size must be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%).
- Type density must be no more than 15 characters per linear inch (including characters and spaces).
- Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes and headings is acceptable).
- The following fonts are acceptable, although other fonts may be used if they meet the above requirements: Arial, Garamond, Georgia, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, Times New Roman, Verdana.

For Resubmissions, a single page introduction is encouraged. This allows study teams with previously unsuccessful submissions to respond to reviewer comments and strengthen their case for funding. More information is available on the GCDTR website (www.gcdtr.org).

Funding Limits and Budgeting Requirements

Applicants may request one year of funding with amounts up to $30,000 direct costs. Budgets must be in the NIH R&R format [i.e. detailed, NOT modular].
- Funds may be requested for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and travel directly related to the conduct of the research.
- PI, Co-PI(s), or Co-Investigators are not required to request salary.
- Funds may be requested for salaries for study staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and other study-related personnel.
- Senior investigators are strongly discouraged from requesting salary support for themselves, but we encourage senior investigators to collaborate and assist junior investigators.
- Funds may be requested for travel and activities associated with writing an NIH research grant proposal based on project findings and/or attending meetings to establish collaborations or to present project-related data. Supported travel must be completed within the project period unless permission has been granted by the Georgia CDTR administration to extend the travel deadline.
- Do not request:
  • Indirect costs (indirect costs may be awarded later, depending on the source(s) of funding used to support the award)
- No routing for institutional approval is required for Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, and Georgia Tech applicants. For other applicants, please refer to your institution for routing policy.

Investigators can apply for a no-cost extension of one year if sufficient progress is demonstrated on the project following the first year of funding.

Review and Award Process subject to IRB approval/waiver

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 that address areas of overlap across the Emory Center cores of expertise (Design and Evaluation, Engagement and Behavior Change, and Disparities). Applicants will be notified by email if their proposal has been accepted for funding by June 30, 2018.

All federal and university rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply.