

COVID-19 PILOT FUNDING **UTHealth and Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences**

UTHealth and the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS) are now accepting applications for pilot studies on the detection, treatment, and care of COVID-19. This pilot funding is for research on high-impact projects/trials/innovative COVID-19 ideas. No animal/in vitro/cellular studies will be funded in this round of applications. The awards are for up to \$30,000 each. Only UTHealth faculty may apply.

Because of the immediacy of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are allowing only 2 weeks for submission of applications, which are **due Monday, April 20, at 5 PM**. We plan on rapidly reviewing submissions and quickly awarding funds days after receipt of applications.

Studies that involve human subjects should have UTHealth IRB approval or have been submitted to the IRB at the time of application. UTHealth has established rapid IRB approval for COVID-19 studies. For assistance with IRB approval, contact Cynthia Edmonds (714-500-500-7936; Cynthia.L.Edmonds@uth.tmc.edu) or Sylvia Romo (713-500-6756; Sylvia.Romo@uth.tmc.edu).

SPA approval is not required for any applications for this pilot program.

No portion of the funding can be transferred from UTHealth, and all funding must be used within 1 year.

Applications must include the following, in this order:

1. Completed checklist (attached)
2. Title of project
3. Confirmation of valid UTHealth IRB approval or submission for the study, if necessary, on the checklist
4. Name of Principal Investigator (PI) and their department and school
5. Names of co-investigators and their departments and schools
6. A maximum 3-page structured proposal (with the subheadings Introduction, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, Methods, Analysis, and Anticipated Results) describing the proposed study. (References may be on a separate page.)
7. NIH biosketches and NIH Other Support pages for the PI and any co-investigators (for form and examples, see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm> and <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>)
8. A 1-page budget with brief explanations of the purpose and necessity of each item in the budget. Items such as salaries, equipment, supplies, domestic travel, and patient-care costs may be included, but no indirect costs will be paid and no subcontracts are allowed. Salaries cannot be more than 60% of the budget.

The following are not allowable costs for these pilots:

- Faculty salaries
- Subcontracts with other institutions
- Travel

Email this information (in one single-spaced pdf, in Ariel 11-point font with ½" margins) to ccts@uth.tmc.edu by April 20, 2020, by 5 PM. **Applications that are not in the correct format may not be reviewed.**

Please contact Tricia Hill-Thomas (713-500-7923, Tricia.Hill-Thomas@uth.tmc.edu) or Treasure Wilson (713-500-3541, Treasure.J.Wilson@uth.tmc.edu) if you have questions.

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Application Checklist

Check items included/format used

- ___ Title of project
- ___ Current valid UTHealth IRB approval letters for the study, OR
 - ___ Check here if IRB approval has been applied for but not yet obtained
 - ___ Check here if IRB approval is not needed
- ___ Name of Principal Investigator (PI) and their department and school
- ___ Names of co-investigators and their departments and schools
- ___ Three-page structured proposal (with the subheadings Introduction, Hypothesis, Specific Aims, Methods, Analysis, and Anticipated Results) describing the proposed study
- ___ References on a separate page
- ___ NIH biosketches and NIH Other Support pages for the PI and any co-investigators
- ___ One-page budget with brief explanations of the purpose and necessity of each item in the budget
- ___ All items in one single-spaced pdf, in Ariel 11-point font with ½" margins