REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

CTR Superstar Competition

Application Deadline: October 4th, 2024 (5:00 pm)

The Great Plains IDeA-CTR network is excited to announce the 2024 CTR Superstar award competition to take place at our 8th Annual Scientific Meeting on October 21st, 2024. The winner of this pilot award will be announced by a panel of expert judges at the competition.

The purpose of this award is to raise awareness of clinical and translational research conducted by promising scholars who are developing innovative tools and methods for medical research. The winning investigator/team will receive a $35,000 pilot grant award to catalyze cutting-edge research that may readily translate to a sustainable product or a larger federal grant. Earliest funding start date is July 1st, 2025.

We are requesting a brief research pitch (2-page maximum) to include: project title, principal investigator(s), participating institution(s), study aims, hypotheses, methods (brief overview of design, study sample, measures, and statistical analysis plan), one-year deliverables, budget and justification, a statement addressing how the project advances CTR, and a lay summary. In addition, we ask that applicants provide a biosketch for the PI and all key personnel.

Finalists will present projects at the annual meeting on October 21st, 2024. The winner will receive up to $35,000 (direct costs) for one year and access to resources of the GP IDeA-CTR to support these research efforts.

Research pitch judging criteria:
- Scientific merit
- Promise in translating research to innovative tools for CTR
- Relevance to CTR
- Multidisciplinary teams
- Inclusion of inter-institutional partners

Eligibility
- Current full-time faculty appointment at a participating institution (noted below).
- Eligible to apply for NIH research grants.
- Project relevant to clinical and/or translational research.
- Must be able to attend and present pitch at the CTR Superstar competition on October 21st, 2024, if chosen as a finalist.
- **Note:** You are not eligible if you have funding from any other IDeA program that will overlap <u>at the time of pilot funding start date</u> (e.g., COBRE, INBRE).

Participating Institutions
- University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)
- University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO)
- University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL)
- University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK)
- Boys Town National Research Hospital (BTNRH)

- Creighton University (CU)
- Children's Nebraska
- Omaha Veterans Administration Medical Center (O-VAMC)

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Notification of application status: October 11th, 2024

Funds Available
One-year award of up to $35,000 (direct costs)

Application Process
- Combine the below application materials in the order listed into one PDF file.
- Complete the online application [here](#) and upload the PDF file.

Required Application Materials
- Completed REDCap survey using the application link above
- NIH Face Page (download and complete Form Page 1 [here](#))
- NIH format biosketch (download form and see instructions [here](#). Include a biosketch for the PI and other key personnel)
- 2-page research pitch including:
  - Study aims, hypotheses, methods (brief overview of design, sample, measures and statistical analysis plan),
  - Anticipated one-year deliverables,
  - A statement addressing how the project advances clinical and translational research,
  - Lay summary of project, including disease/health relevance
- Literature cited
  - Budget (see template below)
  - Faculty salary support is not allowable; student/post-doctoral stipend is not allowable, but salary/wages are permissible.
  - Equipment (>$5,000 per item) purchase is not allowed.
  - International travel, honorariums and renovations are not allowed.
- Budget justification
- Appendices will not be accepted.

Review Process
- The Administrative Core of the GP IDeA-CTR will review all research pitches using criteria delineated above and the NIH review criteria (*Significance, Investigator(s), Innovation, Approach, Environment),* modified as appropriate for this Pilot grant program.
- The Administrative Core will select up to 3 applications based on the above criteria.
- The top 3 applicants will present research proposals to CTR Superstar panel members and attendees during the CTR Superstar Competition. The panel will render final award decision based on innovative approach immediately following presentations the competition on October 21st, 2024.

Funding
Should your project be selected for funding, please note the following:
- Funding is dependent on receipt of Notice of Award for the GP IDeA-CTR.
- Your proposal will be submitted to the GP IDeA-CTR Steering Committee, External Advisory Committee and NIGMS for final approval.
- If your project involves the use of human subjects, you will be required to submit your protocol to the IRB by 1/31/25 to ensure the project is fully approved by all committees and NIGMS. You will be required to write the Protection of Human Subjects section (which should also include

sections for Inclusion of Women & Minorities and Inclusion of Children). In addition, you are required to complete Human Subjects CITI certification and inform us of whether your project meets the NIH definition of a clinical trial.

- If your project meets the NIH definition of vertebrate animal research, you will be required to submit your protocol to the IACUC by 1/31/25 to ensure the project is fully approved by all committees and NIGMS by 7/1/2025. You will also be required to write the Vertebrate Animals section NIH grants (for instructions, click here).
- We require proof of **final** IRB and/or IACUC by 5/1/2025. *Please note that conditional approval will not be accepted.*
- These materials will be submitted, along with your application, to NIGMS for final approval.
- Following NIGMS approval, funds will be made available to the awardee institution with an anticipated start date of 7/1/2025.

Awardee Requirements
- Become a member of the GP IDeA-CTR via our website.
- Remain current on all regulatory training and approvals and provide all updated approvals to the GP IDeA-CTR Pilot Program Coordinator.
- Respond to short quarterly surveys with updates on significant progress and any barriers until project completion.
- Complete a final report at the conclusion of the funding period.
- Complete the NIH annual progress report.
- Attend the Annual Scientific Meeting in October 2025 and provide progress, as requested.
- Awardees and investigators are encouraged to participate in a one-hour research studio which are designed to help refine upcoming grant applications or resubmissions by meeting with a team of content experts.
- Cite the GPCTR/NIGMS grant in funding, publications, and presentations.
- Watch the pre-recorded webinar on dissemination and consult with the Community Engagement and Outreach Core for additional dissemination and implementation assistance.
- Create a community-friendly product to be disseminated to the community highlighting your pilot findings and solicit input from the Community Advisory Board during your funding period. Examples include a video, policy brief, fact sheet, infographic, poster, podcast, promotional product, interview, or social media advertisement.
- If your project involves an existing or potentially new invention, you must notify the appropriate commercialization office at your institution.

Questions?
- Contact Heather Braddock, heather.braddock@unmc.edu or 402-559-9870.

   * For additional funding opportunities, visit our funding opportunities webpage, here.

Principal Investigator (Last, First, Middle):

DETAILED BUDGET FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD

	FROM	THROUGH
	7/1/25	6/30/26

List PERSONNEL *(Applicant organization only)*
Use Cal, Acad, or Summer to Enter Months Devoted to Project
Enter Dollar Amounts Requested *(omit cents)* for Salary Requested and Fringe Benefits

NAME	ROLE ON PROJECT	Cal. Mnths	Acad. Mnths	Summer Mnths	INST.BASE SALARY	SALARY REQUESTED	FRINGE BENEFITS	TOTAL
	PD/PI							
SUBTOTALS →								

	DIRECT COSTS
CONSULTANT COSTS	
EQUIPMENT *(Itemize)*	
SUPPLIES *(Itemize by category)*	
TRAVEL	
INPATIENT CARE COSTS	
OUTPATIENT CARE COSTS	
ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS *(Itemize by category)*	
OTHER EXPENSES *(Itemize by category)*	

CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS	DIRECT COSTS	
SUBTOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD *(Item 7a, Face Page)*		$
CONSORTIUM/CONTRACTUAL COSTS	FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS FOR INITIAL BUDGET PERIOD		$