

ACTS Member Feature

New Pilot Funding Available for Translational Science Research with Western States Consortium

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The University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science, in conjunction the Western States Consortium, is currently accepting applications for innovative, translational research projects that involve two or more institutions within the Consortium. Funding will include up to \$100,000 in direct costs (\$25,000 per project per participating institution). The application deadline is Jan. 29, 2018, and the IRB submission deadline is Nov. 24, 2017.

The Western States Consortium consists of five institutions (University of Arkansas, University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, University of New Mexico and University of Utah) that have received Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs) from the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS). The mission of the Consortium is to leverage the combined strengths of the member institutions in order to more effectively address common health challenges and improve wellbeing across the region and nation.

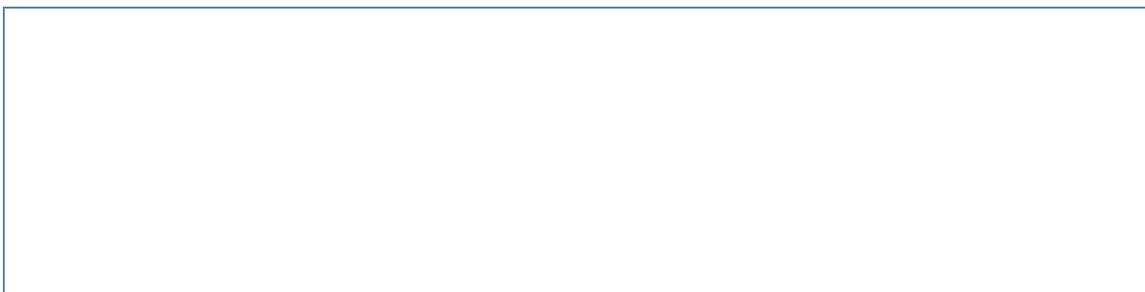
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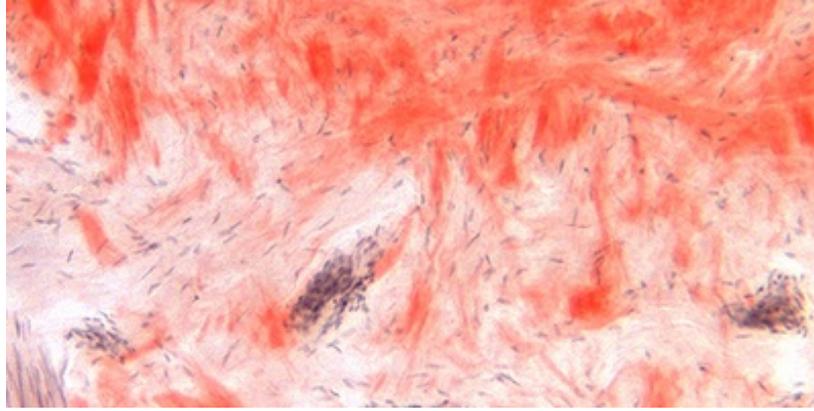


UK joined the Western States Consortium in 2016 and will be hosting its annual meeting on UK's campus Oct. 24-26.

Eligibility for this pilot funding application is limited to members of the institution's faculty, including early career or senior investigators across all title series. At least two of the participating CTSAs must be collaborating on each protocol, and projects must be approved at each CTSA in order to qualify for funding.

Translational Science Today





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News from The Hill

News from The Hill: October 20, 2017

With the number of critical and time-sensitive legislative items mounting by the week, Congress has been working to make progress where possible. Most recently, these efforts saw the Senate pass a budget resolution for FY 2018.

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) joined all Democratic Senators in opposing the measure. However, the House is expected to simply adopt the Senate budget in the near future. While the budget is significant for a number of reasons, the partisan rancor stems from provisions that will pave the way for subsequent tax reform proposals by simply requiring majority support (rather than the 60 vote threshold) and prohibiting use of the filibuster.

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Grants & Grant News



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

USDA Invests in a More Diverse Agricultural Science Workforce

Selina Meiners

October 24, 2017 | USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced grants to increase women and minority representation in the agricultural science workforce. Funding is made through NIFA's Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS).

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NIH Awards \$45.3M to Cornell's Clinical and Translational Science Center

Paris Ghazi

October 12, 2017 | The Cornell Daily Sun

The National Institute of Health recently awarded Weill Cornell Medicine's Clinical and Translational Science Center a \$45.3 million grant, which will fund multi-disciplinary research through 2022, Cornell said. The CTSC, which received the first of these kinds of grants in 2007, wrote the grant according to government agency rules. Among these requirements was a call for multi-institutional collaboration that fosters innovative translational research.

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[Limited Competition: Small Grant Program for NHLBI K01/K08/K23 Recipients \(R03\) - \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

[R03](#) Small Grant Program

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

The purpose of this FOA is to solicit current or recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees for grant support to expand their current research objectives or to branch out to a study that resulted from the research conducted under the K award. Recently completed NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 awardees are eligible to apply for the R03 if the earliest possible R03 start date falls within 2 years of their prior NHLBI K award Project Period end date. Thus, this FOA is intended to enhance the capability of NHLBI K01, K08, and K23 award recipients to conduct research as they complete their transition to fully independent investigator status.

[National Institute of General Medical Sciences Ruth L. Kirschstein](#)

[National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Predoctoral Institutional Research Training Grant \(T32\)](#)

[T32](#) Institutional National Research Service Award (NRSA)
National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)

The goal of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)-sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Predoctoral Institutional Research Training Grant (T32) program is to develop a diverse pool of well-trained scientists available to address the Nation's biomedical research agenda. Specifically, this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) provides support to eligible, domestic institutions to develop and implement effective, evidence-based approaches to biomedical graduate training and mentoring that will keep pace with the rapid evolution of the biomedical research enterprise. NIGMS expects that the proposed research training programs will incorporate didactic, research, and career development elements to prepare trainees for careers that will have a significant impact on the health-related research needs of the Nation.

Request for Information on Enhancing Utilization of the NIH Clinical Center

In fulfilling its mission to support biomedical research and training, the NIH often engages in partnerships to leverage its scientific capacity and resources. The NIH Clinical Center, as the largest biomedical research hospital in the world, is a unique local, regional, and national research resource. To ensure the Clinical Center is maximizing its potential to support the best possible science, the NIH Director is seeking input regarding needs and opportunities for inpatient clinical research resources.

This is now open through November 24, 2017. [Participate here today.](#)

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