

TO: UGA and AU/UGA Medical Partnership Faculty

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RE: CTRU Seed Funding Program Guidelines

### **CTRU Seed Grant Program**

#### **Applications are due May 31, 2019**

The Clinical and Translational Research Unit (CTRU), located on the UGA Health Sciences Campus, is designed to support faculty who wish to conduct sponsored clinical studies that advance the understanding and treatment of human diseases. For students and health sciences trainees, the unit provides opportunities to learn how laboratory discoveries are translated into improved patient outcomes. For more information, visit [ctru.uga.edu](http://ctru.uga.edu).

Competitive seed grant funds, enabled by the AU/UGA Medical Partnership, are available up to \$40,000 to support pilot studies based in the CTRU. Priority will be given to proposals that either:

- Make a compelling case for generating preliminary data to enhance a specific external grant proposal (applicants must commit to applying to one or more specific grant mechanisms by the specified deadlines and should identify specific RFP/PA when possible); or
- Generate required data for meeting reviewer recommendations for a grant resubmission (applicants should identify specific criticisms and indicate how the proposed studies will address these criticisms).

CTRU funded proposals will be required to utilize budgeted funds by June 1, 2020. For this reason, proposed studies should already have IRB approval with modifications to include utilization of the CTRU either approved or in process, and should plan to complete study subject participation by June 2020.

#### ***Deadline-***

Applications will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on May 31, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

#### ***Eligibility-***

These awards are available to principal investigators that are UGA and AU/UGA Medical Partnership faculty members. Co-investigators may be from other institutions. Utilization of the CTRU must be part of the proposal.

**How to Apply-**

Please send proposals, limited to no more than two pages and with a maximum budget of \$40,000 or less, to [CTRU@uga.edu](mailto:CTRU@uga.edu) as a single PDF file by the deadline of May 31, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Reviews will be completed by July 1, 2019.

The following format should be followed for the preparation of a proposal:

Title:

Investigators and Departments: contact information of the PI/Co-PIs (email and phone #)

Project narrative (2 page limit):

1. Abstract (written with educated, non-experts in mind)
2. Specific Aims/Hypothesis
3. Rationale and Significance
4. Approach (including utilization of CTRU)
5. Project Timeline

Budget (not included in page limit).

- Budget for CTRU services (e.g., recruitment/screening, research nurse time, facility use) and routine laboratory assays (e.g., serum electrolytes, lipid panel) that can be done through Piedmont Athens Regional Lab should not be included in budget.

Key References Cited (not included in page limit)

**Selection Process-**

Proposals will be reviewed by a CTRU Scientific Review Panel. Proposals will be judged on the basis of their competitiveness for the indicated funding opportunity. Criteria will include the strength of the research team, quality of science, utilization of the CTRU, potential impact and leverage potential for a major research project, probability of obtaining specific aims of the proposed project, and budget. If you have questions please contact Brad Phillips at [bgp@uga.edu](mailto:bgp@uga.edu) or 706-542-5317.