

Promoting partnerships amongst healthcare providers for all species.

This award is focused on creating and promoting partnerships between COHA member institutions and allied health science practitioners to support optimal health for people, animals, and the shared environment. The award aims to leverage expertise across CTSA organizations to benefit human and animal health, emerging disease education, and outreach to underserved communities.

Specific aim:

1. To encourage and support the development of projects that involve collaboration among CTSA stakeholders and which embody the principles of one health. In particular, this grant promotes initiatives to enhance cooperation between components of CTSA, integrating veterinary medicine into a holistic approach of healthcare or wellness.

Section I: Background

The Clinical and Translational Science Award One Health Alliance (COHA) represents schools of veterinary medicine that are integral parts of the state Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) group. The CTSA organizationally provides excellent points of contact and interaction between veterinary and human healthcare, and has promoted progress in translational research and fellowship training. Collaborative work in health and wellness initiatives is an additional area where fruitful partnership with human health colleagues exists, and this granting mechanism is focused on highlighting creative research in these areas through the COHA/CTSA mechanism.

The focus of this RFP is broad and may include community outreach and wellness care, but may also focus inward to study and promote wellness among professional students in the health sciences or even among faculty or paraprofessionals. Specifically, projects that would fall within the areas of focus for this grant may include:

- Wellness services [health screens, preventative care] to people and pets in underserved areas. This may take the form of physical clinics where people and pets can obtain preventative care, or outreach efforts to educate about health matters, endemic or zoonotic diseases, or other initiatives to improve wellness.
- Initiatives to support health and wellness of professional students or graduates. Learning appropriate stress management techniques and appropriate self-care is critical for professional students and recent graduates, as they enter into high-pressure, high-demand professions
- Projects that integrate pet health into a holistic human health program. Examples may include projects to promote exercise to combat human and canine obesity, or programs that place pets into homes of homebound patients to provide companionship and stimulation.

Section II: Award information

Specific requirements to be met for awardees of this partnerships grant include:

1. Must involve multiple institutions within a single or multiple CTSA, including the COHA member, representing different health science foci (e.g., medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing)
2. Focus of grant should be on forming or enhancing partnerships amongst CTSA stakeholders to promote health and wellbeing. These may include initiatives to provide wellness services [health screens, preventative care] to people and animals in underserved areas, initiatives to support health and wellness of professional students, house officers, or graduates, or projects that integrate animal health into a holistic human health program, among others.
3. The described project must have measurable outcomes and a plan for data analysis.
4. The proposed project may have a 1 or 2 year duration, with biannual progress reports.
5. The proposed project should meet funding guidelines of no more than \$20,000, or provide proof of additional available funding to achieve the proposed goals.
6. Completed proposals should be submitted as pdf to Benjamin Brainard, brainard@uga.edu, by midnight on January 7, 2022.

Section III: Application and Submission Information

Applications will include:

Research Plan (maximum length 3 pages, plus 1 page of references):

Abstract: Summary of key features of the proposal including concise listing of partners, aims and rationale, methodology, metrics/outcomes assessment and impact. *Maximum length 400 words.*

Specific Aims: Briefly state the specific aims of the project, indicating how the project will meet the criteria in section II.

Research Strategy:

- Statement of problem and its significance
- Rationale for the proposed activity. If successful, how would the proposed activity address the problem or enhance veterinary/medical partnerships.

Outcomes Assessment: How will the primary and secondary outcomes be assessed? Include plan for statistical analysis. Can the results of this project support grant applications to other agencies?

Budget (maximum length of 2 pages): This project will be awarded up to a total of \$20000, to be used over 1-2 years. Please provide an itemized budget with justification for the requested funds. For multi-year projects, please indicate individual costs per year; the funds for a second year will be disbursed following review of the progress

report submitted at the end of year 1. If project costs will exceed \$20000, please provide proof of additional secured funding. Full-time faculty salaries and overhead are not eligible for funding. Travel funds to conferences should not exceed 7% of the requested funds.