

## Georgia CTSA Request for Applications

We are currently preparing a renewal application for the Georgia CTSA with an anticipated submission date of **January 28, 2026**. The format for the renewal is quite different from previous applications. There are three components that are unique and the Georgia CTSA leadership is offering this RFA in order to attract the best science from the 4 partner institutions - Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, the University of Georgia and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The three components are as follows with the hyperlinks to the associated NIH Notice of Funding Opportunity:

**Element E** of the main UM1 application [PAR-24-272](#) – This is a clinical trial that should address a truly significant challenge in clinical and translational science. This project should not only address a translational research question in a particular disease but also provide generalizable innovations or insights that can be broadly applied to other translational research projects. NCATS is very focused on **Translational Science**. That is, how to do clinical and translational research better and more efficiently. This is an important focus of the CTSA grant application. Additional information about translational science can be found [here](#). The maximum budget is \$500,000/year for 2-3 years.

**RC2** [PAR-25-156](#) – These are companion grants that will be submitted along with the parent UM1 application. This mechanism supports resources, activities, and expertise to enhance the development and demonstration activities or projects within a CTSA hub. These include utilization of resources, expertise, tools and platforms for pilot projects, research projects and other Clinical & Translational Science activities within hubs. Examples include but are not limited to digital health, decentralized clinical trials, pragmatic trials, artificial intelligence/machine learning algorithms, point-of-care clinical decision support systems, data science and statistical methods, real-world data and real-world evidence, innovative clinical trial designs, genetics and genomics. In addition, novel strategies and/or approaches for dissemination and implementation, rural health, clinical informatics, biostatistics, community outreach and engagement, regulatory science, telehealth, and other areas of need for specialized programs. Two of these grants will be selected to be submitted along with the parent UM1 application. The maximum budget is \$500,000/year direct costs for 5 years.

**R25** [PAR-25-197](#) – This is a small companion grant (\$100K/year for 5 years) to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of the workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. The funding mechanism will support novel research experiences as outlined in the announcement. Research experiences

must be relevant to NCATS' mission of studying translation on a system-wide level, agnostic to a specific disease, to better understand the scientific and operational principles underlying each step of the translational process. The goal is not to focus on specific diseases, but on what is common among them and the translational science process. Examples of research experiences appropriate for career levels include, but are not limited to:

- Undergraduates to provide hands-on exposure to research that reinforces their interest in clinical and translational science and/or prepares them for graduate school matriculation and/or careers in clinical and translational science for graduate and medical, dental, nursing and other health professional students.
- Graduate Research and Clinical Students, Postdoctoral Fellows and Medical Residents: to extend their skills, experiences, and knowledge base in order to engage in clinical and translational science research activities.
- Junior Faculty: to enhance their research skills, experiences, and knowledge base relative to clinical and translational science by working with faculty members at a partnering institution.

#### The Process:

1) This RFA serves as an announcement to the faculty of Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, the University of Georgia and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Only faculty at these partner institutions are eligible. Collaboration across the partner institutions is strongly encouraged.

2) A letter of intent with a one-page description of the proposed project should be submitted by **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025**. Along with this, include NIH biosketches of the key personnel. These materials should be submitted [Here](#).

3) The PIs of the Georgia CTSA will select the following to be submitted along with the main UM1 application:

- **1** project for Element E – max budget \$500,000/year directs costs for 2-3 years
- **2** RC2 projects - max budget \$500,000/year direct costs over 5 years
- **1** R25 project - max budget \$100,000/year direct costs over 5 years

4) Those selected for full applications will be notified by late September 2025.

5) A full draft of the proposal with all the supporting elements (research strategy, budget, etc.) will be due **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**.

5) Final Materials are due no later than **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

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