

Presidents' Award of Distinction for Team Science

The Presidents' Award of Distinction for Team Science, conferred by the Presidents of the academic institutions of the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA), recognizes and promotes excellence in multi-disciplinary research teams within the Georgia CTSA. This award will be presented to an outstanding multi-disciplinary research team in recognition of its innovative and impactful research that has, or will likely, advance clinical and translational science and positively impact human health.

The recipient of the President's Award of Distinction for Team Science will receive \$5,000 towards their team science research program. Teams will be recognized at the 2026 Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Conference (March 11-13, 2026).

Application Deadline: Nominations will be accepted through **November 17th, 2025**.

Award Eligibility:

1. Each research team must have one or more representatives from a Georgia CTSA partner (Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse School of Medicine, and/or the University of Georgia).
2. Teams must be multi-disciplinary with representation from at least two different disciplines. Teams representing multiple institutions will be prioritized.
3. Research activities must be clinical or translational in nature and make a positive impact on human health.
4. Teams are not eligible if they have applied to the 2025 Team Science Award of Distinction for Early Stage Research Teams.
5. Those who have received this award in the past 3 years are not eligible.

Nominations:

Teams may self-nominate or be nominated by a faculty member or administrator from a Georgia CTSA partner institution by using this [template](#).

The primary criterion for evaluation will be the team's ability to demonstrate innovative, high-functioning teamwork and synergy in the narrative. Teams will be evaluated using the following criteria.

Criterion:	Description:
Evidence of potential impact on health of individuals or communities	Clinical protocols, population studies, evidence-based policies citing team's research outputs, public prizes, membership to advisory councils for civic organizations, trainings for professionals, practice guides, formal guidelines, executive summaries, tool kits, contributions to public debate or appearances as media experts (webinars, podcasts, briefs), development of medical technologies
Evidence of scientific impact	Use of team's research outputs/innovations by peers (e.g., citations, use of the models/methods developed, contribution to theory/modeling methodology or school of thought). Additional evidence may include science prizes or patents, abstracts, publications or scholarly works at any stage (e.g., submitted, in press, in revision)

Description of high quality, productive teamwork	Research activities involving 2 or more team members, shared mentoring or advising responsibilities, shared grant applications, shared resources, etc.
Evidence of application of team science principles	Evidence of the development of the scientific team through applying team science principles includes engaging in collaboration planning activities (e.g., creating a team contract/collaboration planning agreement). Additional examples may include dedicating time to developing teamwork skills (e.g., participating in team science workshops, team-building exercises). More information on team science principles can be found in the National Academies Consensus Report on Team Science: The National Academies Press The Science and Practice of Team Science: Reimagining Collaboration in a Changing Research Landscape
Interdisciplinary nature of the work	How the interdisciplinary nature of the team was leveraged to accomplish the scientific aims and/or translational impact

Submission Instructions:

All submissions must use this template and should be emailed to Lauren.James@emory.edu. Nominations that do not conform to the template will not be accepted.

Selection Process:

The Executive Council of the Georgia CTSA will review all nominations and make a recommendation to the University Presidents.

Questions should be directed to Lauren.James@emory.edu

The Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA) is an inter-institutional magnet that concentrates basic, translational, and clinical research investigators, community clinicians, professional societies, and industry collaborators in dynamic clinical and translational research projects. Emory engaged three of its close academic partners - Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), and the University of Georgia (UGA) - to form the Georgia CTSA. This partnership, a strategic multi-institutional alliance, offers compelling, unique, and synergistic advantages to research and patients statewide. Learn more about [Georgia CTSA](#).