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Research Consortium
Clinical and Translational Science in the Western IDeA States

MWRC Mini-Sabbatical Program for Clinical and Translational Research Request for Applications

Hosted by the Clinical and Translational Science Center at the UNM Health Sciences Center



Program Goal:

To support development of collaborative clinical and translational research programs throughout the Mountain West IDeA States.

Target Investigators:

Established investigators with basic or clinical research programs who wish to develop a clinical or translational research program with a collaborator at UNM. Preference will be given to researchers:

- Who have published work that has a high potential for clinical impact but who have not been able to test key hypotheses due to limited access to clinical samples or populations

OR

- Who have access to regional populations, some research expertise, and who have strong potential for translational work through a collaborative partnership.

Elements of the Program:

- 1-3 months in an immersion experience at the UNM HSC, working with a collaborator who has an established clinical or translational program
- Develop new data for collaborative publications and/or new grant submissions
- Learn new approaches or techniques in clinical and translational research that can be brought back to the home institution
- Initial seminar or grand rounds presentation upon arrival at UNM HSC institution
- Report seminar or grand rounds at home institution after completion of the mini sabbatical

This program will provide visiting faculty with enough time free from other teaching or administrative responsibilities to form a productive new collaboration in clinical or translational research. Visiting faculty can bring clinical data from their home institution or access patients or samples for clinical or translational studies through the CTSC. They will interact with elements

of the CTSC including cores in biostatistics, bioinformatics, and regulatory procedures as needed to develop a new program. Visiting faculty will bring new expertise back to his/her laboratory and co-author new publication and/or grants in the subsequent 12 months.

Support Available:

The mini-sabbatical award includes the following CTSC resources (see <http://hsc.unm.edu/research/ctsc/index.shtml>)

- Office and wet-lab space within the CTSC
- Core use, including Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, Regulatory Support, Clinical and T1 Laboratory support.
- Participation in ongoing CTSC workshops, seminars and other curricula.

If needed, awardees can apply for additional funding for research supplies and reagents not already available in the host investigator's laboratory from the CTSC pilot project program, by the host faculty member (3 cycles annually).

The UNM CTSC will work with awardees to locate housing during the sabbatical.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from tenured, tenure-track, or clinical faculty at MWRC research institutions.

Applications and Review:

Proposals should be developed in conjunction with a collaborating investigator at the UNM HSC. Prospective applicants who need assistance identifying a potential collaborator should contact the CTSC research concierge (Cindy Wootton, 505-272-3183 CWootton@salud.unm.edu) prior to applying to the program.

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by a committee with representatives from the MWRC steering committee and the UNM CTSC. Recommendations for CTSC support will be made to the CTSC Principal Investigator for a final decision.

Applications should be made at least 60 days prior to the anticipated start date.

Completed applications should be sent via email to Danelle Winship (DWinship@salud.unm.edu) and include:

- NIH-style Biographical Sketches for applicant and collaborating UNM investigator
- 2 page scientific summary of proposed collaborative work, including justification of clinical or translational nature of the project.
- 2 page summary of resources needed to achieve the goals of the mini-sabbatical
- Proposed timeline
- Letters of support from:
 - Department chair (or equivalent) from home institution, and
 - Collaborating UNM investigator