



National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program Diversity and Re-Entry Research Supplements

Request for Letters of Interest

The UAMS Translational Research Institute (TRI) invites Letters of Interest (LOIs) for the NCATS CTSA Program Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research and Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers (<https://ncats.nih.gov/ctsa/funding/pa-2016-guidance>). TRI is committed to expanding research opportunities to develop new knowledge and approaches that will address and positively impact the complex health challenges of rural and underrepresented populations. Proposals for these administrative supplements must support this mission. TRI will select two candidates to submit proposals.

Eligibility

Diversity Supplement: The diversity supplement is designed for individuals from groups underrepresented in the biomedical sciences, including racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and individuals from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds [as defined in the funding opportunity announcement] who have been inhibited in their ability to pursue a career in health-related research. Supplemental awards are limited to citizens or non-citizen nationals of the U.S. or to individuals who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the U.S. (i.e., in possession of a Permanent Resident Card, Form I-551). Please refer to the [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)](#) for additional information.

Re-Entry Supplement: In general, the duration of the career interruption should be at least one year and no more than eight years. Examples of qualifying interruptions would include a complete or partial hiatus from research activities for child rearing; an incapacitating illness or injury of the candidate, spouse, partner or a member of the immediate family; relocation to accommodate a spouse, partner or other close family member; pursuit of non-research endeavors that would permit earlier retirement of debt incurred in obtaining a doctoral degree; and military service. The program is not intended to support additional graduate training and is not intended to support career changes from non-research to research careers for individuals without prior research training. Generally, the candidate should be in complete or partial hiatus from research activities at the time of application, and should not be engaged in full-time paid research activities. Preference will be given to candidates with a complete hiatus from research activities. Please refer to the [FOA](#) for additional information.

Letter of Interest (LOI)

LOIs are solicited broadly from UAMS, CAVHS, and ACH/ACRI. The LOI should include the following information and not exceed one page in length:

- Applicant name, college, department, and academic rank
- Summary of eligibility qualifications
- Summary of proposed research
- Description of how the proposed research aligns with TRI goals

- Description of Mentoring Committee, including the intention to meet and frequency of meetings

Other Pre-Application Documents

The following additional documents are required to be submitted:

- Letter of Support from Department Chair
- Biosketches of the applicant and each member of the mentoring team

LOI/Pre-Application Submission

The LOI/pre-application must be submitted by 12:00 pm on September 9, 2019 to ajjenkins@uams.edu. All documents must be merged and submitted as a single pdf document. Contact Amy Jo Jenkins at 501-686-5939 if you have any questions.

LOI Review and Selection

The LOI review and selection committee will consist of senior faculty representing diverse backgrounds and interests. Each LOI will be reviewed based on the criteria listed above. Two applicants will be invited to submit a full application. The committee will prioritize applicants that have positively addressed support of TRI's overall mission and have a robust mentoring team.

Full Application Review and Selection

Full applications will be submitted to NCATS for review and selection. Funding decisions will be made by NCATS. Submission of a full application does not guarantee funding.

Timeline

Information Session	August 23, 10 -11 a.m., RAHN G226
LOI/Pre-Application Due	September 9, noon
Review and Selection Committee Decision	Week of September 16
Mock Study Section or Grant Review	Prior to October 23
Submit to TRACKS	October 28
Submit to NCATS	November 1