CCTS Small Grants Program

Limited funds are available for the CCTS Small Grants Program to support small, well-defined projects that will lead to measured outcomes. Examples of measured outcomes could be critical preliminary data for a grant submission or critical data to support a manuscript that is under submission. Emphasis is given to applications that promote multidisciplinary collaboration. Up to $10,000 will be awarded. Up to $5000 may be used for research supplies, services or support critical to completion of the project, including research assistant salaries. The remaining $5000.00 must be dedicated for use of CCTS services if needed. Early stage applicants must identify mentors to assist with the investigators training.

Project Priority

- Preference will be given to investigators to obtain preliminary data for an extramural grant submission.
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration and collaboration among clinical and basic scientists are highly encouraged.

Eligibility

- Full time faculty (all title series including regular, research, clinical and special) at the University of Kentucky.
- Investigators in training including residents, post-doctoral scholars/fellows, and clinical fellows are eligible to submit application as Co-PIs.

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See CCTS services: www.ccts.uky.edu
Eligible Expenses

• CCTS services
• Research Assistant salaries
• Research supplies
• Research services, such as MRIs, sample processing
• Other critical research support
• Travel to research sites

Ineligible expenses

• Faculty salaries
• Travel to conferences
• Publication fees
• Workshop/conference/meals/refreshments

Required documents

• Application form including a two page, single-spaced summary of the proposal describing the study background, study hypothesis, design, expected results from the study, expected outcomes in terms of next steps based on the data obtained, and timelines for grant submission, abstract submissions, presentation at scientific sessions, and submission of publications. Please submit your application using the following Application link

• Active IRB/IACUC approval letter, if available for project.
• Current NIH biosketch with current and pending support required for PI and Co-PIs only.
• Budget and budget justification ($10,000 maximum per proposal).
  - A budget estimate must be obtained from the CCTS Research Concierge, Elodie Elayi (elodie.elayi@uky.edu; 859 323-7939), before applying to use any CCTS services.
  - The use of the following form is REQUIRED: PHS 398 Form Page 4 "Detailed Budget for the Initial Period": NIH budget PHS 398 Form Page 4 link
• Letter of support from the Department Chair/ immediate supervisor that includes acknowledgement of their support for the project and providing
assurance that sufficient protected time to complete the research will be available.

Review Criteria

- Funding decisions will be made based on scientific merit, relevance to program goals, potential for extramural support and academic rank (priority will be given to junior investigators and other investigators undertaking a new direction in clinical or translational research).
- Proposals must clearly demonstrate how the funds will be used to initiate a new project or to enhance an existing project, as opposed to simply offsetting previously anticipated or unanticipated costs.

Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by members of the CCTS Small Grant Review Committee.

Deadline

The CCTS Small Grants Program is a rolling submission format. Proposals are accepted year-round; submissions are reviewed and awards made on an ongoing basis.

Award

Awardees may hold only one CCTS Small Grant Award at a time. Funds will be available for a maximum of one year from date of award and may not be renewed. Awardees will be asked for a brief progress report at the end of six months. If no progress has been made at that point, the CCTS Small Grants Program reserves the right to request that any unexpended funds be returned.