CALL FOR PILOT PROJECT PROPOSALS
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Dell Medical School's Health Transformation Research Institute (HTRI) is seeking applications for pilot projects with the overarching goal of accelerating clinical and population health research that falls along the T2-T5 translational research spectrum.

HTRI provides leadership and infrastructure to support robust, innovative and world-class clinical and late-stage (T2-T5) translational research. Additionally, HTRI supports researchers and learners conducting translational investigation, as well as the development of an integrated learning health system in which research is embedded in, drives and reinforces excellence in clinical, educational and community-focused missions.

HTRI Pilot Project Program Grants (up to $12,500 total costs) are intended to support pilot studies, with a special emphasis on those projects that are beyond the feasibility stage but still require preliminary data (e.g., measure development, piloting of measures, etc.) to develop a competitive extramural proposal to support the conduct of a larger study.

Interested investigators are welcome to consult with the Biomedical Data Science Hub (Brian Hobbs, brian.hobbs@austin.utexas.edu) for help with proposals related to data management and/or analyses.

Submission Deadline: Monday, November 27, 2023, 5pm

Projected Funding Start Date: February 1, 2024

Length of Support: 1 year

Eligibility: Faculty with primary appointment at Dell Medical School, clinical or PhD postdoctoral fellows with additional application materials*.

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REQUIREMENTS OF FUNDED PROJECTS

1. Brief check-ins with Kerri Sparks during the initial 2-3 month startup. The goal of these check-ins is to share your progress and identify any obstacles that HTRI can help navigate.

2. A "Research in Progress" Presentation at six months to HTRI.

3. At the end of the award period, a written report sharing your progress, including any presentations, grant applications, and journal articles (submitted and/or published), and plans for the next year, including grant applications emanating from the pilot work.

4. Cite the HTRI award in all publications that arise from the pilot project funding** and deposit all published papers in PubMed Central (PMC).

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & DUE DATES

Proposal Due: November 27, 2023, 5pm, via email to Kerri Sparks, kerri.sparks@austin.utexas.edu

Proposals are to be submitted using standard NIH Guidelines. Follow the formatting specifications of 0.5" margins, Arial, 11-point font, single spaced.

Projects are required to include the following components:

1. Project Title
2. Specific Aims: 1 page
3. Significance, Innovation, and Approach: 2 pages max
4. References: No page limit
5. *(only if fellow applicant)
   a. mentor letter of support and commitment to the applicant's career development: 1 page max
   b. post-fellowship career plans and/or goals: 1 page max
6. NIH Biosketch for the PI: 4 pages max
7. Budget Justification: No page limit.
   - Funds cannot be spent on investigator(s) support, travel, or indirect costs.

Submit all materials in a single pdf file by 5pm (CST) on 11/27/23 via email. No additional materials (e.g. appendices) will be considered beyond those listed above (1-7).

SELECTION CRITERIA

Projects will be assessed based on alignment with HTRI mission, significance, innovation, and likelihood of success.

Review Committee: The HTRI Review Committee will include the HTRI Director and 2-3 other experienced investigators. Each proposal will be reviewed by at least two reviewers, and based on the outcomes of these reviews, the Review Committee will make recommendations for funding.

Questions or concerns may be directed to Kerri Sparks, kerri.sparks@austin.utexas.edu

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