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Concept Clearance

**Collaborative Innovation Exploratory Projects
for the CTSA Program**

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- **Goals**
 - To allow teams of investigators from different CTSA hubs to carry out exploratory projects to evaluate novel approaches to translational science
- **Description of outcome**
 - Collaborative innovative projects that are not well suited to the CTSA Collaborative Innovation Awards (CCIA) program (PAR-15-173; X02, PAR-15-172; U01)
- **Potential impact**
 - Allow novel approaches to be quickly evaluated for feasibility

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- **Criteria for evaluating success**
 - Number of applications submitted
 - Quality and novelty of submitted applications
 - Number of awards leading to additional funding
- **Major obstacle to address**
 - Lack of mechanisms to support exploratory collaborative research projects
- **Summary of ongoing research/activity in this area**
 - CTSA Collaborative Innovation Awards (CCIA) Program
 - Concept has same goals but more limited in scope and duration
 - Similar concept approved by NCATS Council (June 2015)
 - Previous concept: Administrative supplements
 - Current concept: Peer-reviewed applications