

**CONCEPT CLEARANCE RECORD**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017 RESEARCH INITIATIVE — NCATS**

TITLE: Collaborative Innovation Pilot Projects for the CTSA Program

OBJECTIVE(S): The purpose of this initiative is to allow teams of investigators from different Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program hubs to carry out collaborative, innovative projects to evaluate novel approaches to important translational science questions.

DESCRIPTION: This exploratory grant program will allow NCATS to provide funds to investigators from different CTSA Program hubs to carry out collaborative, innovative demonstration projects and move toward dissemination. The focus is similar to the Collaborative Innovation Awards (U01) but intended to be smaller in scale and duration.

IMPORTANCE: This exploratory grant program will allow some novel approaches to be evaluated quickly for feasibility and will provide a potential source of funding for collaborative innovative approaches that are not well suited to the Collaborative Innovation Awards ([PAR-15-172](#) and [PAR-15-173](#)).

HISTORY: A similar concept was presented to NCATS Advisory Council and approved on June 18, 2015. In the previous concept, NCATS proposed administrative supplements. In this concept, NCATS proposes peer-reviewed competing applications.

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