

CONCEPT CLEARANCE RECORD
FISCAL YEAR 2017 RESEARCH INITIATIVE — NCATS

TITLE: Clinical and Translational Science Data Metrics Coordinating Center

OBJECTIVE(S): The Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program supports a national network of medical research institutions — called hubs — that work together to improve the translational research process to get more treatments to more patients more quickly. Ensuring that this investment transforms the entire spectrum of clinical and translational science, including multi-site clinical trials, requires CTSA Program hubs to catalyze innovation in training, research tools and processes. Achieving this goal requires significant coordination and collaboration across the CTSA Program hubs.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this proposed initiative is to solicit applications for a Clinical and Translational Science Data Metrics Coordinating Center (CTSDMCC). The CTSDMCC will engage in activities in two distinct areas. First, the CTSDMCC will support a number of activities related to the collection, coordination and sharing of data across the CTSA Program network. Examples of data collaboration activities include real-time capture — through a website — of data related to pilot and K scholar research projects, information on individuals participating in the K scholar and T programs, and common metrics used collaboratively by network principal investigators and NCATS to develop and sustain a data-driven system for strategically managing the performance of the CTSA Program hubs to ensure maximum impact. Second, the CTSDMCC will coordinate and facilitate communication, collaboration, sharing and interaction within the CTSA Program network and between the network and non-CTSA Program institutions, organizations and programs also focused on advancing the efficiency and quality of clinical and translational research and training. Examples of communication and coordination activities include providing a website for collaboration activities of the CTSA Program hubs and workgroups and providing administrative support for conference calls and face-to-face meetings of the CTSA Program network committees and working groups.

IMPORTANCE: High. The functions of the proposed center are integral to the success of the entire CTSA Program.

HISTORY: The CTSA Program has a coordinating center that, with closeout funds, will sunset in April 2017.

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