Harold and Muriel Block Institute for Clinical and Translational Research

Catalytic Seed Grant Funding

We invite applications from faculty seeking seed funding to provide data for the development of new extramural grant applications. Awards are up to $10,000, and funds can be used for projects that use institutional cores and resources including the ICTR cores. **Applications must be planned in consultation with the director(s) of the resource(s) and service(s) requested**, who will help develop and approve the requested budget. Funds may **not** be used to purchase equipment, reimburse volunteers, or for salary support. Any CTSA funds awarded must be expended by 4/30/2018.

Projects supported under this program must be clinical or translational in design or implementation, and preference will be given to individuals with currently-funded extramural career development awards.

Catalytic Seed Grant (CSG) projects that involve human subjects must include a plan to ensure appropriate protections of human subjects, data and safety monitoring, and scientific integrity. A “Protection of Human Subjects” section is required that should clearly describe the risks, protections, benefits and importance of the knowledge to be gained. You must also have IRB approval for your project when you submit it to the ICTR, **since all such CSG projects involving human subjects will require prior approval by the NIH**. If you are uncertain about the requirements for your project, please contact the Einstein-Montefiore IRB [http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/institutional-review-board/](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/administration/institutional-review-board/).

Applications for seed funding must fall into one of three categories below (priority for funding will be given to key areas of ICTR investments):

1. **Outcomes research and implementation science projects** within the Montefiore Health System. Applicants must consult with Dr. Parsa Mirhaji ([parsa.mirhaji@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:parsa.mirhaji@einstein.yu.edu)) for issues related to health data and informatics and with Drs. Michael Rinke ([mrinke@montefiore.org](mailto:mrinke@montefiore.org)) or Diane McKee ([diane.mckee@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:diane.mckee@einstein.yu.edu)) for scientific and health system feasibility.

2. **Life span research and studies in special populations**: Applicants should consult with Drs. Frederick Kaskel ([frederick.kaskel@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:frederick.kaskel@einstein.yu.edu)) or Carmen Isasi ([carmen.isasi@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:carmen.isasi@einstein.yu.edu)), CTSA core directors for life span research. It is expected that the project includes investigators who are experts in at least one of the following disciplines: pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics, or population health research.

3. **New Investigator-initiated proposals that build on a currently-funded grant award**: Projects that seek to develop new translational research directions. Projects aimed at developing **Novel Therapeutic Agents** should consult with the Chemical Synthesis Core to develop the scientific project and budget. **Applicants in this category must have at least one grant at the time of the proposed CSG**.

All applications must be submitted electronically at [http://www.einstein.yu.edu/centers/ictr/catalytic-seed-grants/](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/centers/ictr/catalytic-seed-grants/). Requests will be reviewed promptly by the ICTR Scientific Review Committee. Funding decisions will **not be accompanied by written reviews**.