Call for Applications for the DaCCoTA Clinical Research Opportunities Program

Award Cycle/Round: Fall 2021
Letter of Intent Deadline: October 30th, 2021
Application Deadline: January 17th, 2022
Expected project period: September 1st, 2022-August 31st, 2024

Overview
The Dakota Cancer Collaborative on Translational Activity (DaCCoTA), sponsored by the National Institutes of Health – National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIH/NIGMS), welcomes applications for the Clinical Research Opportunities Program. This program provides up to 20% release time (up to NIH cap) for two years to community-practicing, hospital-based clinicians to participate in training activities and collaborations in cancer-focused clinical and translational research (CTR). Applications are expected to address cancer-related CTR, including demographic risks, and social impact.

For the purpose of the DaCCoTA Scholars Program, CTR is defined as:

“...research (that) fosters the multidirectional integration of basic research, patient-oriented research, and population-based research, with the long-term aim of improving the health of the public.”

This program develops clinicians’ understanding of CTR, tools for identifying unmet medical needs, and training for effective collaborations. Applicants interested in participating that do not have an idea for a project or a collaborator, contact the Professional Development Core (lee.baugh@usd.edu) for project development assistance.

Program Requirements
- Up to 20% time commitment to CTR training for 2 years. The duration of the award can be shortened or extended; expect the percent effort to adjust accordingly.
- Partnership in a cancer-relevant CTR project: The DaCCoTA Professional Development Core will assist applicants in identifying current CTR projects and potential collaborations.
- Attendance and participation in the 2022 and 2023 Annual DaCCoTA Symposiums.
- Participate in on-going consultation and update meetings with Professional Development Core.
- Provide evaluation data to support project-specific goals and overt CTR initiatives.

Clinical Scholar Eligibility
- Be a member of a DaCCoTA partnering institution. Partnering institutions can be found on the DaCCoTA Website (https://med.und.edu/daccota/).
- Currently practicing medicine or an allied health field in North or South Dakota.
- Terminal degree of MD, PhD, or equivalent (e.g. PharmD, OT, PT, NP, etc.). If there are questions about qualifications, please contact the core director Dr. Lee Baugh (Lee.Baugh@usd.edu).
- Permission from the health system or practice for release time (up to 20%).
- No current project funding (PI role) through an NIH R01 or NIH IDEa program (e.g., COBRE, INBRE, etc.).

Application Process
- Applicants must register as DaCCoTA participants in the DaCCoTA Pathfinder web portal (https://pathfinder.med.und.edu/).
- Letters of Intent should be submitted as a single PDF document to christian.buresh@usd.edu.
- Applicants must consult the Professional Development Core well in advance of application submission for assistance with project development.
- Applicants must also consult with the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design Core; the Community Engagement and Outreach Core; and the Clinical Research Resources and Facilities Core prior to submitting their applications.
  - You can contact these cores by logging into the Pathfinder Portal and selecting the communication tab at the top of the page.
- All proposals must have completed internal approval at their respective institutions.

Application Deadlines & Required Materials
- Letters of intent (1-page maximum) are due October 30th, 2021.
- Full applications invited from selected letters of intent are due January 17th, 2022, and must include the following:
  - Face page (PHS398 Form Page 1 signed by institutional signing official, PHS398 forms are available at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html) Instructions for the PHS398 forms are available at U.S. DHHS Public Health Service Grant Application (PHS 398) (nih.gov).
Project Summary (PHS398 Form Page 2)
- Personal narrative describing research interests and the role of research or other investigative work in the applicant’s practice (3-page limit)
- Discussion of the type of research in which the applicant would like to partner (1-page limit)
  - Letter of home institutional support confirming release time allowance
  - Letter of academic partner institutional cost-share (if a cost-share is proposed)
- Curriculum vitae
- Budget and budget justification (PHS398 Form Pages 4 & 5)
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP) certification and specific plans for data and safety monitoring, if applicable.
- Evidence for submission of Human Subjects and/or Animal Welfare, if applicable.
- Statement of consent to have subsequent productivity tracked after application.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document via the DaCCoTA Pathfinder web portal. Select the proposals tab at the top of the page and upload completed application.

Proposed Timeline
- RFA Release Date: September 1, 2021
- Deadline for Assistance finding a Collaborator: October 15, 2021
- LOI Deadline: October 30, 2021
- LOI Determination: November 15, 2021
- Identifying Reviewers/Consent: December 1, 2021
- DaCCoTA Core Meetings Deadline: December 20, 2021
- Begin IRB Preparation: November 30, 2021
- IRB Draft Application Deadline for CRRFC Consultation: January 7, 2022
- Budget and Grant Approval SPA: January 7, 2022
- Application Deadline: January 17, 2022
- Send External Reviews: January 20, 2022
- Receive External Reviews: February 15, 2022
- First Core Review: March 1, 2022
- Letters to Applicants: March 1, 2022
- IRB Submission Deadline: March 10, 2022
- Revisions from Applicants: March 15, 2022
- Second Core Review: April 1, 2022
- Applications to the EAC: April 1, 2022
- Receive Reviews from the EAC: May 1, 2022
- Third Core Review: June 1, 2022
- Requesting Material Needed By NIH from Applicants: June 1, 2022
- Receiving Material Needed By NIH from Applicants: June 1, 2022
- Submitting Applications to NIH: June 10, 2022
- Receiving Approval from NIH: July 31, 2022
- Sending Award Letters to Applicants: August 1, 2022
- Setting Up Grant Accounts for Projects: August 10, 2022
- Grant Start Date: September 1, 2022
**Budget**
- This program provides up to 20% release time (up to NIH cap) for two years to community practicing, hospital-based clinicians.
  - Disclaimer: Scholar funding for the first three years will be subject to DaCCoTA receiving grant renewal from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health. DaCCoTA is funded through August 31st, 2023.

**Review Criteria**
Applications will be reviewed by NIH according to general NIH guidelines for K01 applications ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-369.html#_Section_V._Application](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-369.html#_Section_V._Application)). These criteria include, but are not limited to, the potential for future funding, the support of the Department/Division, the significance/novelty of the project, and the strength of the applicant and mentoring team.

**Additional Information**
Applicants or sponsoring institutions may address questions that arise during application development to the Professional Development Core Director Dr. Lee Baugh (lee.baugh@usd.edu) or the Co-director Dr. Donald Sens (donald.sens@UND.edu).

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