

## Call for Applications for the DaCCoTA Clinical Research Opportunities Program

Award Cycle/Round: Spring 2020  
 Letter of Intent Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 Application Deadline: May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Expected project period: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2022

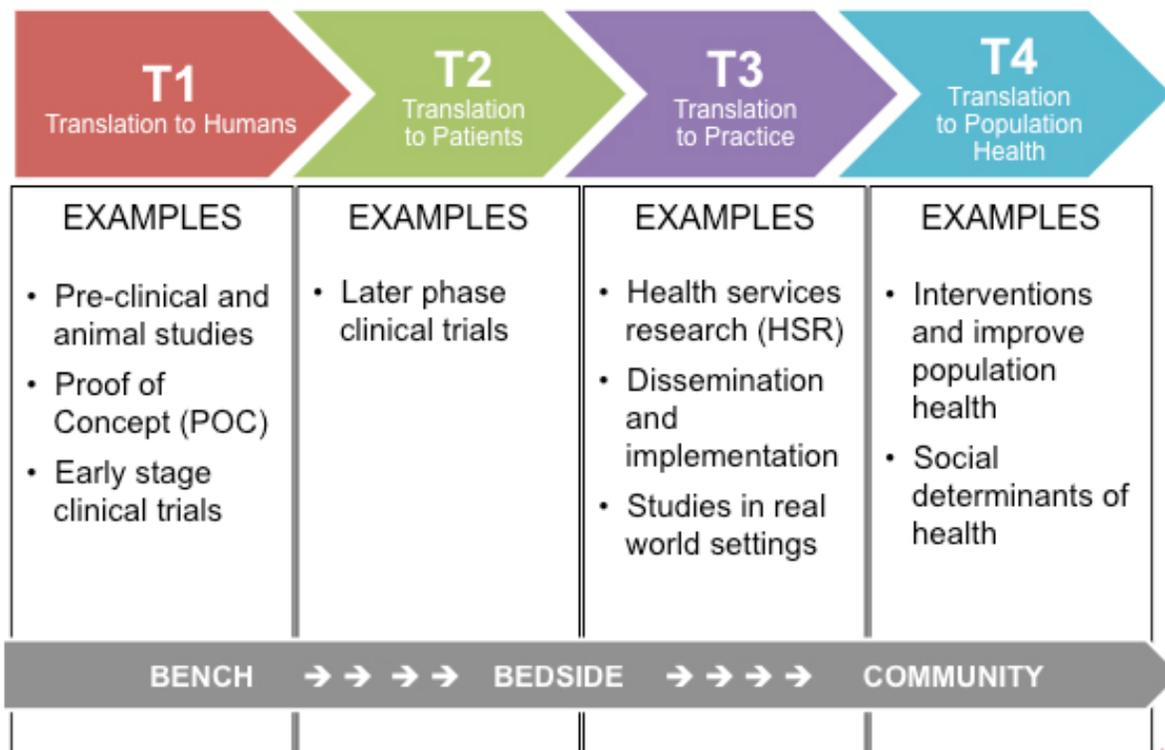
### Overview

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.”**

- *Rubio DM et al. Defining translational research: implications for training. Acad Med 2010; 85(3): 470-8.*



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 DaCCoTA ([daccota@und.edu](mailto:daccota@und.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.
- Complete the curriculum for DaCCoTA Clinical Research Opportunities Program Awardees ([https://med.und.edu/daccota/files/pdfs/daccota\\_curriculum.pdf](https://med.und.edu/daccota/files/pdfs/daccota_curriculum.pdf)).
- 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. William Mayhan ([William.Mayhan@usd.edu](mailto:William.Mayhan@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/>).
- 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.
- Applications should be submitted as a single PDF document via email to [daccota@und.edu](mailto:daccota@und.edu) .

### Application Deadlines & Required Materials

- Letters of intent (1-page maximum) are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Full applications invited from selected letters of intent are due May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and must include the following:
  - o 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>)
  - o Project Summary (PHS398 Form Page 2)
  - o Personal narrative describing research interests and the role of research or other investigative work in the applicant's practice (3-page limit)
  - o Discussion of the type of research in which the applicant would like to partner (1-page limit)
  - o *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)

**Budget**

- This program provides up to 20% release time (up to NIH cap) for two years to community-practicing, hospital-based clinicians.

**Review Criteria**

The Scholar Selection Committee will review all applications. Preference will be given to projects that are translational according to the T2-T4 criteria.

**Additional Information**

Applicants or sponsoring institutions may address questions that arise during application development to the Professional Development Core Director Dr. William Mayhan (William.Mayhan@usd.edu) or the Co-Director Dr. Donald Sens (donald.sens@med.und.edu).

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