Call for Applications for the DaCCoTA Clinical Research Opportunities Program

Award Cycle/Round: Spring 2020
Letter of Intent Deadline: April 15th, 2020
Application Deadline: May 27th, 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.”


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DaCCoTA Clinical Research Opportunities Program
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) 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.
- 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).
- 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.

Application Deadlines & Required Materials
- Letters of intent (1-page maximum) are due April 15th, 2020.
- Full applications invited from selected letters of intent are due May 27th, 2020, 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)
  - 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)

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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