

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

Award Cycle/Round: Spring 2021  
 Letter of Intent Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Application Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Expected project period: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021-July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

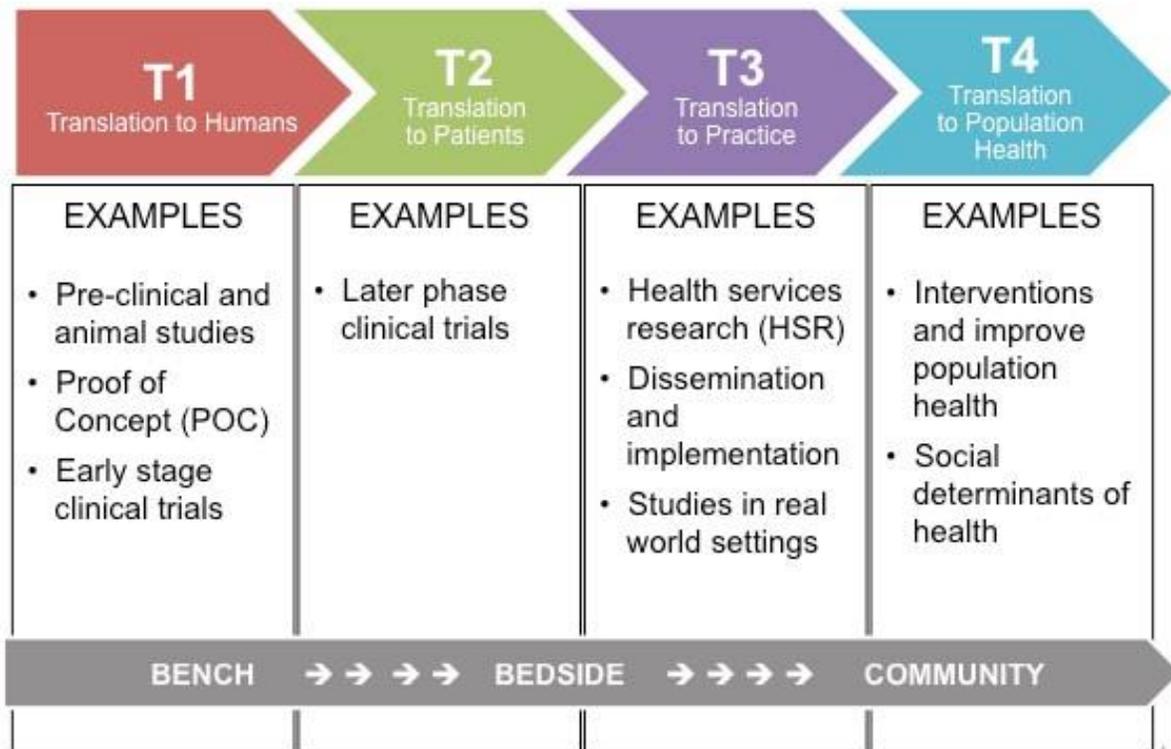
**Overview**

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)).
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
  - o 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 March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Full applications invited from selected letters of intent are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 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)

- 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)
- 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**

- **Letter of Intent Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Letter of Intent Acceptance/Decline: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Required DaCCoTA Core Meetings: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **IRB and IACUC Preparation: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **IRB Draft Application Deadline for CRRFC Consultation: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Internal Budget and Grant Approval: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Application Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Notification of Review: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **IRB Approval: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- **Acceptance of Revised Proposals and Materials from Applicants: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
- **Notice of Award: July 1-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### **Budget**

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

### **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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