Boston University CTSI Funding and Other Opportunities

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What is the Boston University Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI)?

• Is funded by **National Institutes of Health** (one of 55 CTSIs) to B.U.

• Provides tools, services, and resources to clinical investigators to maximize the impact of discoveries and speed the translation of research into improved patient care/public health through collaborative approaches.

• Is committed to improving the health of vulnerable populations through novel discovery approaches and by engaging this population in the research enterprise.
What Funding Opportunities are Available?

• Pilot Grants

• KL2 Scholarship Program

• Minisabbatical Program
Pilot Grants

• Budget up to $20,000 each
• Preference given
  • to multidisciplinary projects
  • to junior faculty
  • to projects that are likely to provide preliminary data permitting grant applications
• 3 page application
• 1 year funding
• 2 submission dates per year (next one August 31, due Sept 30)
• 38 funded last cycle!
• Grouped applications with multiyear awards possible pending: Stay Tuned!
KL2 Scholarship Program

• 3 scholarships funded each year each lasting for 2 years (alternating 1 and 2 new awards per year)
• Fund up to $100,000 in salary + fringes + research expenses
• These are mini-K awards
• Hard to get: 20 applications for 2 funded slots in 8/15
Minisabbatical Program

• Spend time outside of BU learning new skills and bring them back.

• Award 3 minisabbaticals per year @ $6,000 each.

• You can use the money however you wish to accomplish your goals.
Other Opportunities: K Grant Writing Workshop

• 4-5 month workshop during which you write a K grant
  • Each month, focus on a different part: Aims, Career Plan, Mentoring plan, etc.
  • Directed by Drs. Megan Bair-Merritt and Carter Cornwall
  • Modeled on successful K grant writing programs at Hopkins, UCSF

• Participants
  • Ready to write K grant (junior faculty; recent first authored publications)
  • US Citizens or Green Card holders
  • Need to have rough draft of specific aims
  • Applicants selected based on readiness
Other Opportunities: Train the Mentor Workshop

• Goal: to educate current and future research mentors using difficult cases which pose specific mentoring challenges
  • Mentoring across gender, cultural and racial/ethnic differences
  • Setting goals
  • Work life balance issues
  • Difficult conversations
  • Mentoring independence
• T32; K grants and other NIH training grants will increasingly require formal mentor training
• Small group discussion series over lunch
How Do You Find Out about opportunities

•https://www.bu.edu/ctsi/