

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/>