2016 CICATS Core Interest Group (CIG) Awards
Estimated Funding Range: $10,000 - $15,000 per CIG
Deadline for Submission: March 14, 2016

The Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) at the University of Connecticut, a cross university translational institute led by Dr. Cato Laurencin and Assistant Director and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Linda Barry, is pleased to announce a CICATS Core Interest Group (CIG) funding opportunity. The goal of CICATS CIG is to bring together researchers, practitioners, state agencies, and community-based organizations to collaborate on multidisciplinary translational research projects and promote health awareness, resulting in the improved well-being of people. These collaborations have translated into opportunities for groundbreaking research projects and improved health outcomes across the spectrum of health and science. For more information about CICATS CIG, please visit our website.

Eligibility and Requirements:
This funding opportunity announcement is open to CICATS Core Interest Groups only. For funding eligibility, the primary PI must be a CIG member and UConn Health or UConn faculty. UConn Junior faculty members who hold the title of Assistant Professor and are members of a CIG are strongly encouraged to apply for this grant. CIGs who are currently funded by a CICATS award are not eligible to apply. Larger fund requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Proposals must include one or more community based organizations and/or another CIG and have a focus in one or more areas:
- Health Disparities
- Research Education & Mentorship
- Collaborative Translational Research
- Community Based Research
- UConn Conference or Seminar Support on a UConn campus

CICATS CIG awards may only be used for:
- Research supplies and materials
- Research equipment, under $2,000.
- Seminar series support
- Software may be purchased only if it is highly specialized research software fully justified by the scholarly demands of the proposed work.

Please note that compliance with IRB, IACUC and/or IBC with documentation of approval is required prior to award allocation. Funds must be expended prior to May 31, 2017. Carryover of funds is not permitted. Unused funds will be returned to CICATS.

Application Process:
Applications are to be submitted online through the CICATS website and include the following:
- List of participating CIG members and a designated contact person
- Brief statement of the CIG’s focus and objectives
- Description of proposed activities, project timeline, brief statement of intended outcomes, and team description (2 page maximum)
- Funding request for proposed activities
- Itemized Budget and justification form

Criteria of Selection for Funding:
- Quality of proposed plan to advance translational research and collective research outcomes
- Demonstration of the group’s ability to sustain productive practices among its members
- Demonstration of collaboration from across disciplines, fields, and approaches to scholarship/creative work
- Strong likelihood of obtaining external funding for the proposed research plan or proposal

Questions:
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lana Angelo, CICATS Administrative Program Coordinator at langelo@uchc.edu or 860-679-7661.