

Dear Researchers,

Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is pleased to invite you to submit a two-page research concept proposal for presentation at the **Health Equity Research: Fall 2018 Symposium Plus** event.

Save the Date! Symposium Date and Location

Wednesday, October 10, 9:00AM-3:00PM, Tufts University Boston Health Sciences Campus

What is Symposium Plus?

Tufts CTSI's Symposium Plus program is designed to catalyze promising research ideas and foster team science through an interactive half-day symposium, and to coach teams toward a full funding proposal within one year of the symposium.

Why Participate?

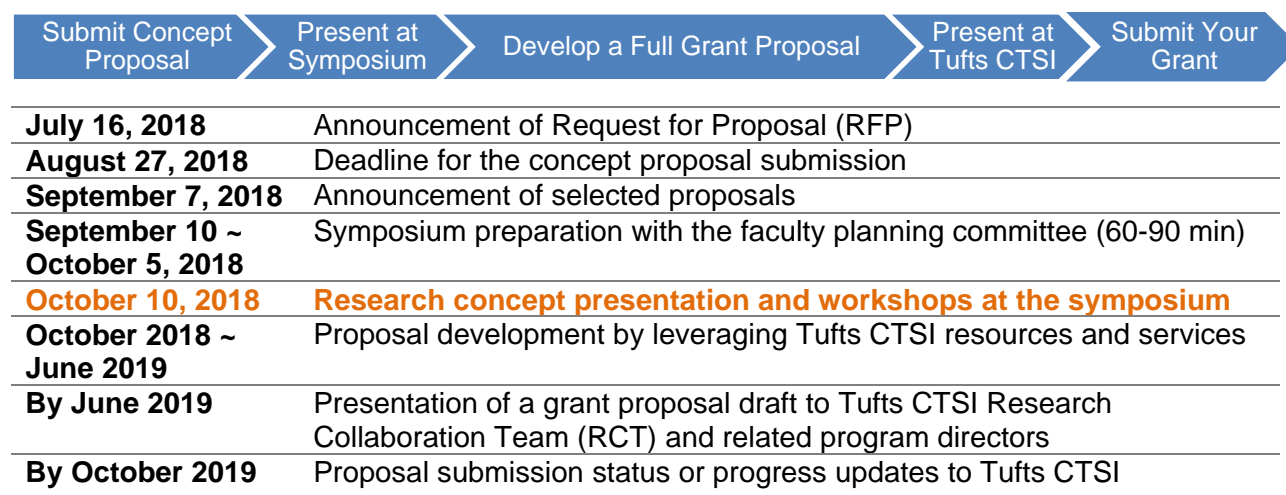
The Symposium Plus program has helped past project teams accelerate funding proposals, meet new collaborators, and led to funded projects since 2014. Selected research teams:

- Will receive project-specific tailored feedback from a diverse audience of about 40-50 individuals, including technical and methodological experts, symposium participants, and community or patient representatives through workshops and breakout discussions

Depending on the project needs, may be eligible for a small planning grant to assist with project start-ups such as project planning or stakeholder meetings. Note: *Funding will be made available at the discretion of the Tufts CTSI Research Collaboration Team in collaboration with applicants after proposals are selected and presented.*

Key Dates and Your Commitment

If selected, you will commit to participating in the following program requirements.



The concept proposal submission deadline is by Monday, August 27, 2018 to Hannah Merrick Santos, MBA, and Marguerite E. Fenwood Hughes, MS, MSW, Tufts CTSI Project Managers at hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org and mfenwood@tuftsmedicalcenter.org.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Topics

Proposals should address one of the following themes:

- Research community health issues, underrepresented and vulnerable populations, and/or social determinants of health
- Early life health issues– including mother, family, and child health
- Development of a diverse healthcare and research workforce

NOTE: Health topics addressed may include a holistic view of health, as defined by the World Health Organization: "a state of complete **physical**, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

Format:

- Approximately 1000 words, single spaced, no longer than two pages
- One inch margins; Arial 11 font
- Structured summary (Background, Specific Aims, Approach, Significance, Innovation)

Requirements

- The submitting investigator must have a primary appointment at a Tufts CTSI partner/collaborator organization.
- Project has clear application to human health and meets definition of translational research found here: <http://www.tuftsctsi.org/about-us/what-is-translational-science>

Ideal Proposal Attributes

To foster a diversity of study methods and approaches, proposed projects should be responsive to many of the following study design attributes:

- Addresses a significant health problem
- Identifies one or more potential funding sources for the proposed project.
- Is conducted in usual care or community settings
- Uses electronic health record (EHR) infrastructure for part of the data collection
- Focuses on patient-reported or community-centered outcomes
- Uses rigorous design that includes a relevant comparison group

Questions about the Program?

Please contact Hannah Merrick Santos, MBA, and Marguerite E. Fenwood Hughes, MS, MSW, Tufts CTSI Project Managers at hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org and mfenwood@tuftsmedicalcenter.org.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and to collaborating with you at this symposium!

Sincerely,

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