

## Addiction Research: Winter 2019 Symposium Plus Request for Proposal (RFP)

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 Addiction Research: Winter 2019 Symposium Plus.

### Save the Date! Symposium Date and Location

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:00AM-2:00PM, Tufts University Boston Health Sciences Campus

### What is Symposium Plus?

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

### Why Participate?

The Symposium Plus program has helped past project teams meet new collaborators and develop new proposals which has led to enhanced funding of qualified 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
- Projects 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 after proposals are selected and presented. No budget is required with proposal submissions.*

### Key Dates and Your Commitment

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

Submit Concept Proposal	Present at Symposium	Develop a Full Grant Proposal	Present at Tufts CTSI	Submit Your Grant
<b>November 7, 2018</b>				Request for Proposal (RFP) announced
<b>December 7, 2018</b>				Deadline for proposal submission to <a href="mailto:hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org">hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org</a>
<b>December 21, 2018</b>				Announcement of selected proposals
<b>December 26, 2018 through February 1, 2019</b>				Symposium preparation meetings with Tufts CTSI Navigators (60-90 min)
<b>February 6, 2019</b>				<b>Presentation at Addiction Research Symposium</b>
<b>February 2019 through August 2019</b>				Proposal development stage with support from mentoring team and Tufts CTSI resources and services
<b>No later than October 2019</b>				Grant proposal draft presented to Tufts CTSI Research Collaboration Team (RCT)
<b>No later than February 2020</b>				Proposal submission status updates to Tufts CTSI

**The concept proposal submission deadline is by Friday, December 7, 2018** to Hannah Santos, Senior Project Manager, [hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org](mailto:hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org).

### Proposal Submission Guidelines

**Topics:** The two-page research concept proposals should address one of the following topics in clinical and translational research (including community based strategies):

## Addiction Research: Winter 2019 Symposium Plus Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Addiction prevention – strategies to prevent a variety of addictions including alcohol, illicit substances, cigarette smoking, and gambling. This could include examining risk factors (e.g. clinical, demographic, genetic), social determinants, metabolic pathways, brain function, etc.
- Addiction treatment – social, psychological, drug treatment (new and existing), other novel approaches

### 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)

### Minimum Requirements

- The submitting investigator at a Tufts CTSI partner/collaborator organization is willing to lead further project development.
- 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>.
- Demonstrates some key aspect of implementation and dissemination.
- Is clearly translational – i.e., is not basic research.

### Ideal Proposal Attributes

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

- Addresses a challenging and important health problem – i.e., balances risk with impact
- Identifies one or more potential funding sources for the proposed project
- Is conducted in a variety of care settings (not exclusively in academic settings)
- Provides clear metrics of success
- Uses electronic health record (EHR) infrastructure for at least part of the data collection
- Prospective data collection preferred, but evaluation of retrospective data also relevant
- Uses patient-reported or community-centered outcomes
- Compares or evaluates different experimental methods and/or uses pragmatic clinical trial design methodology
- Quasi-experimental in intervention assignment
- Compares or evaluates alternative methods of consenting patients, consumers and communities
- Uses rigorous design that includes a relevant comparison group

### Questions about the Program?

Please contact Hannah Santos, Senior Project Manager [hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org](mailto:hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org) or Sarah Jette, Professional Development Training Specialist at [sjette1@tuftsmedicalcenter.org](mailto:sjette1@tuftsmedicalcenter.org).

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

Sincerely,

Addiction Symposium Plus Planning Committee  
Jonathan Davis, MD  
Robert Sege, MD, PhD  
Daniel E. Weiner, MD, MS