

Addiction Research: Spring 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: Spring 2019 Symposium Plus.

Save the Date! Symposium Date and Location

Wednesday, March 13, 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
January 25, 2019		Request for Proposal (RFP) re-announced		
February 8, 2019		Deadline for proposal submission to hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org		
February 15, 2019		Announcement of selected proposals		
February 18, 2019 through March 8, 2019		Symposium preparation meetings with Tufts CTSI Navigators (60-90 min)		
March 13, 2019		Presentation at Addiction Research Symposium		
March 2019 through September 2019		Proposal development stage with support from mentoring team and Tufts CTSI resources and services		
No later than December 2019		Grant proposal draft presented to Tufts CTSI Research Collaboration Team (RCT)		
No later than March 2020		Proposal submission status updates to Tufts CTSI		

The concept proposal submission deadline is by Friday, February 8, 2019 to Hannah Santos, Senior Project Manager, hsantos@tuftsmedicalcenter.org.

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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 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.

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

Sincerely,

Addiction Symposium Plus Planning Committee

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