

Dear RBHS Community:

We are pleased to announce the 2019 New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) **Pilot Program Request for Applications (RFA)**.

These pilot grants are made possible by the **Clinical and Translational Sciences Award (CTSA)** recently awarded to NJ ACTS by NCATS/NIH. (Please note that in addition to the pilots announced here, the Community Engagement Core and the Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design Core also have pilot funds and will be shortly announcing their targeted pilot programs).

Below please find a synopsis of the RFA. Attached is the **Complete RFA, Application Materials and Instructions, and Related Materials**.

Applications are due **July 15, 2019** at 3:00 pm and should be emailed to NJACTS@rbhs.rutgers.edu.

Please address questions to NJACTS@rbhs.rutgers.edu.

Thank you.

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NJ ACTS Pilot Grants Program 2019 Request for Applications and Application Instructions

The New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) is delighted to announce its **Pilot Grants Program**, supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health/National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.

For some programs, we are seeking proposals involving faculty from **at least two** NJ ACTS institutions (Rutgers, Princeton and NJIT) that, when completed, will form the basis for applications for funding from federal and other sources. For Valued Partner and Hub Evaluation/Benchmark, other CTSA Hubs or other NJ ACTS partners are required.

We are seeking proposals for 5 categories of pilots (for more details, see attached):

- Translational and Clinical Sciences Award
- Methodological and Infrastructure Awards
- Propel Awards
- Valued Partnership Awards

- Novel Approaches to Evaluation and Benchmarks of CTSA Hubs

Eligibilities

- (Co-)PIs must be faculty at Rutgers, Princeton or NJIT. Each project **must** have at least **2 Co-PIs**, representing **different NJ ACTS institutions** or for Valued Partners and Hub Evaluation/Benchmark pilots, a partner institution or other CTSA Hub is required.
- Faculty members with all ranks are eligible to apply. Junior faculty members are especially encouraged to apply.
- Clinical studies beyond Phase IIB are not allowed.
- Applicants may submit multiple applications for different pilot grant mechanisms provided that each project is different. Applicants may not submit identical projects to multiple pilot funding mechanisms.

For complete eligibility criteria, see Program Description (attached).

Application Process:

A **Complete Application** comprises: **Pilot Program Common Application Form** (a fillable pdf) and **Proposal Materials (as specified in the attached)** as a second pdf document.

Applications are due **July 15, 2019, 3 pm**. Decisions are expected by **August 15, 2019**.

All Pilot Grants must receive **prior approval from NCATS**. **Accordingly, we cannot specify an earliest start-date**. Projects involving human subjects and/or vertebrate animals are urged to seek IRB/IACUC approval **concurrent** with the pilot grant application.

For more information, contact NJACTS@rbhs.rutgers.edu.