**Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research**

## Pilot & Feasibility Program Announcement: <u>SMALL GRANT AWARDS (GCDTR-03)</u>

## Application Deadline: September 5, 2017

**For all application and scientific questions, please contact:** M'balu Oke, gcdtr@emory.edu.

Emory University, in partnership with the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and the Morehouse School of Medicine, has received funding from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to establish the *Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research (Georgia CDTR).* The mission of the center is to facilitate and grow diabetes translation research at Emory, its partner institutions, and regionally. In alignment with this mission, this Request for Pilot and Feasibility Applications is a solicitation for small grant proposals that focus on Type II translation research in diabetes care and prevention. **Type II (T2) translation is defined as research focused on translating and/or implementing interventions/approaches that have clearly demonstrated efficacy into real world health care settings, communities, and populations at risk with an emphasis on reach and sustainability.**

Investigators are encouraged to propose studies that align with one or more of the Georgia CDTR's Research Cores: Disparities, Design and Evaluation, and Engagement and Behavior Change. The **Disparities Core** addresses the roles of demographic, life-span, race/ethnicity, immigration, and diabetes co- morbidities (e.g., co-existent CVD, HIV, or cognitive and psychological disorders) on diabetes rates, treatment, and outcomes. The **Design and Evaluation Core** focuses on models of delivering effective preventive and health care services, including innovative use of technologies, workforce development, and/or metrics and evaluation. The **Engagement and Behavior Change Core** focuses on enhancing adoption and maintenance of prevention and care interventions for diabetes among those in need and incorporates expertise and resources from the fields of behavioral sciences and community-based participatory research. In addition, proposals are encouraged, although not required, to focus on the following target populations: minorities, the elderly, youth, and persons with HIV.

### Eligibility

Faculty researchers from Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University and the Atlanta Veterans' Affairs System are eligible to apply if they fit in one of the following categories:
- New investigators without current or past NIH research support as a principal investigator or program director. Preference will be given to these applications.
- Early to established investigators with no previous work in T2 translation diabetes research.
- Established T2 translation diabetes investigators may submit applications if (1) they are proposing to test innovative ideas that represent a clear departure from their past research interests and (2) they are including a fully engaged junior-level Co-PI (not an Associate Professor or Professor) and will provide mentorship to the Co-PI.  Investigators in this category are encouraged to consult with GCDTR staff prior to submitting an application.

### Application Information

Applicants should submit the following materials in one pdf file to M'balu Conteh at gcdtr@emory.edu *no later than 5:00 pm on September 5, 2017.* Visit the "Pilot & Feasibility" section of the GCDTR website for sample forms and links to additional instructions (http://gcdtr.org/funding).
- Cover page with the title of the proposal, names and credentials of the Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators, and the Center Core or Cores (Disparities, Design and Evaluation, and/or Engagement and Behavior Change) to be engaged with the proposed research.
- Summary/Abstract:  *Maximum 30 lines.*

- Specific Aims:  *Maximum one page.*
- Research Strategy: Must include sections for Significance, Innovation, and Approach. Maximum five pages.
- References: No page limit.
- Protection of Human Subjects:  Maximum one page.
- A projected Budget and Budget Justification. The Budget must be in the NIH R&R detailed (not modular) format. Refer to [Budget Reference Guide](#) and NIH budget template form on [GCDTR](#) website.
    *Application formatting:*
    - Use paper size no larger than 8 ½" x 11".
    - Provide at least one-half inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) for all pages.
    - Font size must be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%).
    - Type density must be no more than 15 characters per linear inch (including characters and spaces).
    - Text color must be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes and headings is acceptable).
    - The following fonts are acceptable, although other fonts may be used if they meet the above requirements:  Arial, Garamond, Georgia, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, Times New Roman, Verdana.
- Biosketches:  Include NIH-style biosketches for key personnel.

For Resubmissions, a single page introduction is encouraged. This allows study teams with previously unsuccessful submissions to respond to reviewer comments and strengthen their case for funding. More information is available on the [GCDTR](#) website.

**Funding Limits and Budgeting Requirements**

Applicants may request one year of funding with amounts up to $30,000 direct costs. Budgets must be in the NIH R&R format [i.e. detailed, NOT modular].
- Funds may be requested for data collection and analysis, research lab supplies, and travel directly related to the conduct of the research.
- PI, Co-PI(s), and Co-Investigators are not required to request salary.
- Funds may be requested for salaries for study staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, and other study-related personnel.
- Senior investigators are strongly discouraged from requesting salary support for themselves, but we encourage senior investigators to collaborate with and assist junior investigators.
- Funds may be requested for travel and activities associated with writing an NIH research grant proposal based on project findings and/or attending meetings to establish collaborations or to present project-related data. Supported travel must be completed within the project period unless permission has been granted by the Georgia CDTR administration to extend the travel deadline.
- Do not request:
    - Indirect costs (indirect costs may be awarded later, depending on the source(s) of funding used to support the award)
- No routing to institutional approval is necessary for Emory University or Georgia Tech applicants. For other applicants, please refer to your institution for routing policy.

Investigators can apply for a no-cost extension of one year if sufficient progress is demonstrated on the project following the first year of funding.

**Review and Award Process** *subject to IRB approval/waiver*

Applications will be reviewed in an NIH study section format with at least two reviewers assigned to each proposal. Preference will be given to proposals that address areas of overlap across the Emory Center cores of expertise (Design and Evaluation, Engagement and Behavior Change, and Disparities). *Applicants will be notified by email if their proposal has been accepted for funding by October 15, 2017.*

All federal and university rules and regulations regarding the administration of grants apply. Projects must have IRB approval from the lead PI's home institution prior to release of funding.