

UC San Diego ACTRI Invites Applications for Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Project Awards

The UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) is pleased to announce the 2026 call for applications for the Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Project Awards.

The ACTRI Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Project Award provides funding for up to six pilot grants (\$40,000 each in direct costs) to advance innovative, high-impact translational science projects that are not yet ready for extramural support.

Applicants from all UC San Diego departments/divisions and [ACTRI partner institutions](#) are invited to apply. Submission of the [ACTRI membership](#) application is required for Primary Investigators who are not already ACTRI members.

Clinical & Translational Science Focus and Application Tracks

All proposed projects must have a clear **clinical and translational science (CTS)** focus. Translational science refers to systematic efforts to understand and address roadblocks commonly encountered in translational research.

Applicants will be asked to indicate if their project aligns with one or more of the following tracks: **Device Validation, Community-Engaged, and/or General CTS.**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Priority will be given to junior, full-time faculty proposing collaborative projects.
- Postdoctoral Fellows and Project Scientists are not eligible.
- Applicants must be full-time faculty at UC San Diego or an ACTRI partner institution.
- Only one proposal may be submitted per Principal Investigator.
- Previous awardees are not eligible to reapply for 12 months following the conclusion of an awarded Pilot project.
- Full professors are not eligible unless proposing a new research direction (i.e., project must not overlap with ongoing work). Proposals from full professors with over \$350,000/year in current funding will be deprioritized.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 5, 2025 at 11:59 PM (PST)

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by March 2026, with Pilot Project Awards beginning May 1.

For detailed information about the program, eligibility, the application process, and office hours with the program director, please visit the [ACTRI Pilot Project Awards website](#).

Email ACTRI-Education@health.ucsd.edu for additional questions.