Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR) Funding Program
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Funded by Vanderbilt Office of Research and the NIH sponsored CTSA (Clinical and Translational Science Award, 2007)

Mission:

• Establish physical and virtual home for translational investigation

• Stimulate/streamline communications and remove impediments

• Develop a new generation of investigators

• Actively develop novel methodologies
Who is Eligible to Apply?

- VU, VUMC, and MMC Faculty, students, fellows
- Students and trainees are encouraged to be listed as PI
- One PI per study with co-investigators listed
- One request per study, eligible for amendments
What does VICTR Fund?

VICTR Resource Requests may be submitted for the following support:

- Investigator-initiated study funding
- Access to the Clinical Research Center for Industry, NIH, and foundation funded studies
- General Letters of Support for external grant submissions
- Internal RFAs when available
What are the Criteria?

Investigator initiated studies must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Clinical and translational: ties findings directly to diagnosis or treatment of human disease and/or improves health
- Hypothesis driven with specific research question
- Pilot sized: smallest number of subjects or samples necessary to obtain preliminary data
- Involve human subjects, human tissue, human cell lines, and/or human information (e.g. medical records) and have application to human health
Funding Guidelines

• Project periods allowed up to 3 years

• Budget periods match CTSA periods
  • Period 1: July 1, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018
  • Period 2: March 1, 2018 – Feb 28, 2019
  • Period 3: March 1, 2019 – Feb 28, 2020

• Pilot project budget allowed up to $12,000 per period (does not include CRC, Studios, or Expert Consult)

• Funding will be reviewed and approved for each budget period with annual reviews
Available Resources

- VUMC/VU/MMC Core laboratory services
- Study Specific Research Supplies
- Clinical Labs and Procedures
- Participant Recruitment Support
- Biostatistical Consultations
- Expert Studios
- Clinical Research Center (Adult/Pediatric)
  - Space and Nursing, Specimen Processing, Cardiovascular Resources, Poster Printing
VUNet ID & Password?

http://starbrite.app.vumc.org/funding
Request Requirements (as applicable)
https://starbrite.app.vumc.org/funding/beforeyouapply.html

- IRB Approval
- eSMART Project with related billing grid/billing exemption
- eRA commons username
- 5 page VICTR proposal (pilot studies)
- Industry or Grant proposal
- Biosketch
- Quotes (Cores, supplies)
- Biostat clinic notes if requesting expert consult
- Letter of support from mentor if PI is a student
- K awardee letter of available funds
- Feasibility Plan, Inc/Exc Criteria, Schedule of Events
## Review Categories

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| Turnaround     |                   |                        |                                             |                |
| 2-3 days       | 3-4 weeks         | 4-5 weeks              | Additional 4 days                           |                |
VICTR Pre-Review

Goals:
• Ensure eligibility (human) and completeness of application
• Determine feasibility and enhance study design

Categories:
All Requests
• Administrative
• Finance
• Biostatistics
• Budget
• Participant

If Applicable
• CRC capacity/Nursing
• Community Engagement
• Cardiovascular
Scientific Review Committee

Composition:

- 13 Voting Members (10 Vanderbilt, 2 Meharry, 1 Community) with diverse research expertise:
  - Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Nephrology, Nursing, Genetics, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Cardiology, Hematology, Oncology, Gerontology, Urology and Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology; Community Engagement

Charge:

- Review proposals for scientific merit and prioritize accordingly
- Engage researchers in proposal development, facilitate access to support/services
- Identify opportunities for internal RFAs
- Oversee administrative review/approval of Vouchers

Operation: Meetings held twice a month to review and deliberate
Overviews and Support Clinics

**Monthly VICTR Funding Overviews**
2nd Monday of each Month
10:00am to 11:00am
CRC Conference Room MCN S2422 A
No Registration Required

**Individual Support Clinics**
Receive assistance with VICTR funding applications and questions about VICTR resources.
[https://is.gd/vrrsupportclinicrequest](https://is.gd/vrrsupportclinicrequest)

**Group Training Sessions**
If you are interested in a group training session, please let us know at
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