TRAC

Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center Emory/Georgia

Year 4 Small Grant Mechanism Program Announcement
ACCELERATOR AWARDS

Introduction:

The NIH-funded Emory/Georgia Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center (TRAC; P30AI168386) Accelerator Award small grant program aims to **efficiently** provide small amounts of funding to fill key funding gaps for targeted needs and overcome barriers for critical research.

Deadlines – NEW!
- The deadline for applications for TRAC year 4 is **October 17, 2025**.
  - _**Awarded funds must be expended by February 28, 2026.**_
- Another call for applications will be released in early 2026 for awards in TRAC year 5 which begins March 1, 2026.

Funds are intended to be used to:
- Support key research that will enable a new NIH application (F, K, or R series) or other externally funded grant expected to be submitted within the next 12 months.
- Gather data needed for a scored NIH application that is currently being revised for
- resubmission.

The following categories of Awards are available:
- **OPPORTUNITY AWARDS**: Will provide up to $4,000 to conduct targeted and time-sensitive TB research activities. Funds should remove obstacles to carrying out research. Expected outcomes include a manuscript for publication and submission of a NIH or other externally funded grant proposal within 12 months. Funds may be used for salary/wages of consultants, study participant incentives, Emory/Georgia TRAC core service costs, and laboratory assays. Other uses will be considered. All requests must be well justified. No indirect costs are allowed.
- **XPERT REVIEW**: Provide up to $1,000 to solicit outside reviews for a NIH R01 proposal.

Eligibility:

Faculty, Post Docs (PhDs, PharmD, DVMs, and MDs including those in residency or fellowship) and PhD students at a U.S. Emory/Georgia TRAC institution. While all Faculty are eligible, junior investigators without independent funding are given preference. PhD students and Post Docs must provide a Letter of Support from their Primary Research Mentor.

Application Instructions:

Applications must be submitted online no later than **5pm EST on Friday October 17, 2025**, via the online portal.

The application portal requests the following components:
- Project title
- Project description (maximum 500 words)

- Biosketch(es)
- Brief NIH-style budget and budget justification **describing how funds will be expended by February 28, 2026**
- Letter of support, where applicable
- Description of expected outcomes
- IRB/IACUC approval or status, where applicable

Awardee Expectations:

- **Awarded funds expended by February 28, 2026.**
- IRB or IACUC approval **must be obtained** before any funds are released.
- Awardees will be required to submit a 12-month progress report using a template provided by the TRAC.
- Awardees will be required to cite the Emory/Georgia TRAC grant number (P30AI168386) in all publications and presentations that use data collected under the support of the grant.
- Awardees will be expected to share the data they collect with the TRAC Dataverse in accordance with the TRAC Clinical and Population Sciences Core data sharing agreement.
- Awardees will be required to submit their updated NIH biosketch and fill out an annual career survey to track their advancement in the field, as well as serve on the TRAC Developmental Core mock study section committee during their time of award.

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