

Frontiers Diversity Trailblazer Award

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| Funding Opportunity Title | Frontiers Diversity Trailblazer Award |
| Awarding Organization | Frontiers: University of Kansas Clinical and Translational Science Institute |
| Federal Prime Sponsor | National Institutes of Health (NIH) / National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) |
| Federal Award Number | UL1 TR002366 |
| Purpose | The Diversity Trailblazer Award funds efforts to develop community-engaged research or engage special populations in clinical and translational research. |
| Eligibility | Applications are invited from regional community-based organizations and faculty investigators from all Frontiers partner institutions: The University of Kansas Medical Center (Kansas City, Wichita and Salina campuses), the University of Kansas, the Kansas State University (Manhattan and Olathe campuses), the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Children's Mercy Kansas City, and Saint Luke's Health System. |
| Process | Applicants are encouraged to consult with Frontiers leadership to ensure maximal use of Frontiers resources in the development and execution of their projects. |
| Funding Categories | Research projects: Maximum award = \$10,000. Programmatic projects: Maximum award = \$2,500. |
| Project Duration | July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 |

| Key Dates | |
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| Posted Date | October 23, 2019 |
| Application Due Date | December 1, 2019 |
| Notifications Applicants | January 15, 2020 |
| IRB/IACUC Applications Due (if applicable) | February 15, 2020 |
| Prior Approval materials submitted to Frontiers (pending IRB/IACUC; if applicable) | April 15, 2020 |
| Prior Approval materials sent to NCATS (if applicable) | May 1, 2020 |
| Funding Received/Project Start (pending NCATS approval) | July 1, 2020 |

The goal of Frontiers' funding agency, the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, is "to get more treatments to more patients more quickly". The Frontiers Diversity Trailblazer Award addresses this goal by supporting the development and implementation of innovative approaches to enhance participation by hard-to-reach, underrepresented minority, vulnerable, rural, rare and other marginalized groups who historically have not been involved in clinical and translational research. The overall intent is to promote research that produces more generalizable results disseminated in impactful publications and compete successfully for extramural funding.

Eligibility

Frontiers Diversity Trailblazer Awards support projects that address all diseases, and include academic disciplines such as medicine, health professions, nursing, veterinary medicine, and other areas that impact clinical and translational science.

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Applications should describe projects that will be completed within Frontiers Year 4 funding cycle (ends June 30, 2021). All funding decisions and actual start dates for Trailblazer Awards are contingent on receipt of the NCATS Notice of Award for Year 4 funding.

Diversity Trailblazer Application Categories

- **Research Projects:** Proposals should include a background (significance/problem, project description), specific aim(s), a description of the collaborating (or targeted) community, stakeholder or patient group/organization and the engagement process/goals.
- **Programmatic Projects:** These awards should propose program-related activities that enhance diversity and/or patient and community engagement. Project enhancement activities can include: costs to establish patient or community advisory boards; stipends for advisory board members (patients and/or community members); partnership meeting costs (excluding food); supplies; software; database acquisition; video/media development; or other justified expenses that support engaging participants from diverse populations in the research process.

Application Requirements

The application form and materials can be found [here](#). All applications must be uploaded as a single PDF.

1. **Trailblazer Application Form:** Proposals should generally include the following sections: background, significance, specific aims, innovation/benefit and approach. Applications should be ≤ 5 pages.
2. **Budget:** Applicants may request up to \$10,000 for research projects; lesser amounts are acceptable and encouraged. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for programmatic projects.

All funds must be spent by June 30, 2021; no carry-over is allowed. IRB/IACUC documentation, if relevant, is required before funds can be released. Accordingly, projects that have applicable IRB/IACUC-approval are encouraged; projects ready to submit for approval are allowed.

Indirect/Facilities and Administration costs are not allowed for Frontiers Trailblazer Awards.

3. **NIH Biographical Sketch:** Include for all key personnel, use the current NIH format.

Required naming convention of Application packet: *PILastNameFirstInitial_Diversity*

Instructions on combining documents into a single PDF may be found [here](#).

Additional Application Guidance

Notice of Proprietary Information: Applicants are discouraged from submitting information considered proprietary unless it is deemed essential for proper evaluation of the application. Applications containing information that constitutes trade secrets, that is financial or commercial, or that is confidential or privileged, should identify the pages that contain this information by marking those paragraphs or lines with an asterisk (*) at the beginning of the paragraph.

Awardees

Awardees are required to provide Frontiers with mid-term and final progress reports. They are also required to provide details of all published manuscripts, meeting abstracts, and grant applications that result from data obtained from Trailblazer awards.

Review Process

Proposals for the Diversity Trailblazer Award will be reviewed by the Frontiers TEAM Core: Team Science and Engagement to Advance Medical Research leadership team for scientific merit and patient/stakeholder/community need, with recommendations forwarded to Frontiers leadership for final funding decisions.

Contact for Additional Information

All questions regarding Frontiers Diversity Trailblazer Awards should be directed to frontiers-info@kumc.edu or 913-588-6290.