



**Request for Letters of Interest**  
**Clinical Trials in Precision Medicine/Outcomes Research**

**Letters of Interest Due: November 6, 2017**

**Earliest Anticipated Start Date: April 1, 2018**

**ITS Precision Medicine/Outcomes Research Grants** are 1-year pilot grants focusing on precision medicine - an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle in treatment selection and outcomes.

**These grants are intended** to stimulate new, innovative, investigator-initiated studies that use precision approaches or evaluate the outcomes of interventions. In particular, we are looking for studies involving human subject interaction that have potential to develop into substantial clinical trial programs.

**Who should apply?** UTMB investigators at the level of Assistant Professor or higher may submit one Precision Medicine/Outcomes Research application per funding cycle. Funding priority will be given to projects aligned with existing ITS Multidisciplinary Translational Teams (<https://its.utmb.edu/mtts/mtts.html>).

**What support is provided?** Up to 1 year of funding from April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 with no carry forward. Pre-award costs and faculty salaries are not allowed. Awards also include support by the ITS Clinical Trials Studio, offering expertise in design, regulatory compliance, informatics, recruitment, and dissemination.

**Apply by sending a Letter of Interest** by 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2017 to [ebruiz@utmb.edu](mailto:ebruiz@utmb.edu).

Letters should be no more than 2 pages using 11-point Arial font and 0.5 inch margins.

Letters should address the following review criteria:

- Approach (including recruitment feasibility)
- Scientific merit
- Novelty
- Significance
- Alignment with ITS priority areas – *precision medicine, outcomes research*
- Alignment with ITS Multidisciplinary Translational Teams
- Commitment of the PI(s) to work regularly with the ITS Clinical Trials Studio during the trial.
- Requested amount and list of potential budget categories

*Awardees will be required to submit additional project information for approval by NCATS before funds can be released.*

**Finalists will be invited to make a 15-minute presentation to the ITS Clinical Trials Studio in December 2017.**

Please **contact us** with any questions at [CTSA@utmb.edu](mailto:CTSA@utmb.edu) or (409) 747-2872