

## CTNT Seed Fund Key Points and Guidelines

- ❖ Seed funds are for translational research projects, translational being defined broadly as research addressing a clinically relevant “condition”, intervention or target. In other words, the research itself can be basic science and does not need to be “clinical”.
- ❖ The projects need to lead to a grant application for external funding; the primary goal of seed funds is to generate necessary preliminary data. At this point, emphasis is on proposals that can reasonably be expected to lead to a grant application by the end of the seed fund period (1 Year).

## Application Process

1. Submit Letter of intent (LOI) with short description of proposed project, use of funds and plan for external grant application.
2. Schedule a chaltalk explaining and discussing the plan to get feedback for full application.
3. If invited, a full application is required.

### **The following items must be included for full application:**

- Abstract (NIH style; 1 page)
- Specific Aims ( NIH; brief introduction/knowledge gap and goal-hypothesis – aims – experiments – impact on field, 1 page)
- Significance and Innovation (NIH; 1 page)
- Outline of “Experimental Design” (experiments and rationale) and preliminary data needed (2-3 pages)
- Budget request (justify; 1 year, up to \$30k)

*\*\*\*Scope and requirements may be adjusted in the future as needed, and any suggestions are greatly appreciated.*