



Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center  
Emory/Georgia

## Small Grant Mechanism Program Announcement ACCELERATOR AWARDS

### Introduction:

The NIH-funded Emory/Georgia Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center (**TRAC; P30AI168386**) is excited to announce the launch of its small grant programs for tuberculosis (TB)! The goal of these Accelerator Awards is to **efficiently** provide small amounts of funding to fill key funding gaps for targeted specific needs and overcome barriers for critical research.

### 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.
- Support travel between Emory/Georgia TRAC US and International Partner sites to build new collaborations.
- Fill gaps where funding is not currently available

The following categories of Accelerator Awards (with maximum amounts listed) will be available in 2022-2023.

- **OPPORTUNITY AWARDS:** Will provide up to \$3,000 to conduct targeted and time-sensitive TB research activities. Funds should remove obstacles to carrying out research. Expected outcomes are a publication and submission of a NIH or other externally funded grant proposal within 12 months.
- **TRAVEL AWARD:** Provide up to \$4,000 to support an Emory/Georgia TRAC investigator to travel to an international partner site or an Emory/Georgia TRAC investigator to travel to Atlanta or Athens, Georgia. Activities proposed during the trip should be directly related to the goal of submitting a grant proposal to the NIH or other funding agency within 12 months.
- **XPERT REVIEW:** Provide up to \$1,000 to solicit outside reviews for a NIH R01 proposal. For those interested in this service, please contact Drs. Kempker and Blumberg to discuss.

**Application Submission:** All applications will be submitted online via the link at the end of this document If you have any questions please contact Laurel Bristow ([Laurel.bristow@emory.edu](mailto:Laurel.bristow@emory.edu)) TRAC Program Manager, Dr. Russell Kempker ([rkempke@emory.edu](mailto:rkempke@emory.edu)) or Dr. Henry Blumberg ([henry.m.blumberg@emory.edu](mailto:henry.m.blumberg@emory.edu)), TRAC Developmental Core Directors.

### FUNDS

**TRAVEL Awards:** Funds can be utilized to support the cost of airfare, lodging, transportation and per diem costs up to \$4,000. For investigators from Emory, travel must be arranged using an Emory affiliated travel agency vendor. Additionally, all travel must follow Emory University travel policies including the use of an economy class ticket.



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**OPPORTUNITY Awards:** 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.

### **DEADLINES:**

Rolling. We will accept submission on a continual basis while funds remain for Accelerator Awards. All submissions will be circulated for review by an internal committee and a decision made within 10 weeks of the application. If a proposal is selected for funding, there will be additional time needed to work with the appropriate financial team set up the account for the funds.

### **Awardee Expectations**

- IRB or IACUC approval **must be obtained** before any funds will be 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.

### **Eligibility:**

#### **Opportunity Awards**

Any Faculty at an Emory/Georgia TRAC U.S. or International Partner Site. While all Faculty are eligible, junior investigators without independent funding are given preference.  
Any Post Doc (PhDs, PharmD, DVMs, and MDs including those in residency or fellowship) at an Emory/Georgia TRAC US or International Partner Site; must provide a Letter of Support from their Primary Research Mentor.

#### **Travel Awards**

Post docs must provide a letter of support from their in-country research mentor.  
For Travel awards, a letter of support from the host site (US or international) must be provided with the application.

#### **Application Process**

- Link to the online application [site](#)



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**Emory/Georgia TRAC International Partners:**

Investigators from any of these institutions are eligible to be a MPI on a TRAC-G application.

- Aga Khan University East Africa, Kenya
- Armauer Hansen Research Institute, Addis Ababa University, and Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Ethiopia
- Centre of the AIDS Research Programme in South Africa (CAPRISA), South Africa
- Coptic Hospital, Kenya
- De La Salle Health Science Institute, Philippines
- Makerere University, Uganda
- National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (NCTLD) and National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), Georgia
- National Health and Laboratory Services (NHLS), South Africa
- University of Cape Town (UTC), South Africa
- University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa