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Clinical Transformation Program: Research Grant Application, 2026

In 2026 the Clinical Transformation Program will fund projects that focus on the application of clinical research methodology. Our goal is to discover breakthroughs, new treatments, tools, and processes that will improve health care. This program supports the concepts of clinical research with specific attention to emerging and cutting-edge discoveries that align with current movements in healthcare.

Applications are due by **11:59 p.m.** on **Sunday, March 1, 2026**. Submissions will not be accepted or edited after this date.

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Please visit the BeckwithInstitute.org for additional details and requirements pertaining to the application and selection process.

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

1. Applicant's first and last name if different from the submitter of the form

2. Applicant's professional title *

3. Applicant's business unit/facility (*Example: Corporate Services/McKeesport*) *

4. Applicant's preferred phone number *

5. Applicant's email address if different from the submitter of the form

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6. List of additional investigators (*if applicable*)

7. Name of person endorsing this project *

Please note: As part of the submission process, each project requires endorsement by a senior UPMC leader (e.g. hospital president, vice president, chair, supervisor). Endorsement from UPMC leadership is intended to ensure the support and effective implementation of projects that receive Clinical Transformation Program funding. The Institute may contact your endorser for additional details and validation of their support.

8. Email address of person endorsing this project *

9. Project Title *

10. Amount of Funding Requested *

(\$50,000 - \$200,000)

11. What is the impact of this project? If funded and implemented, how many people will this project impact? *

12. Select the item(s) that best support(s) your research. *

- Promotes research with new approaches and innovations in care.
- Incorporates the concept of comparative effectiveness and/or embedded and adaptive designs, rapid translation of science to care, and/or novel applications of digital medicine.
- Supports a current UPMC focused initiative, including (but not limited to) those with aggressive approaches to cancer, heart disease and neuroscience.
- Other

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13. Project summary: Including background and purpose of your research *

**High level overview - Not to exceed 500 words - Think about this section as an "elevator pitch" describing your project*

14. Problem statement: What is the current problem, challenge, or need that is unaddressed or insufficiently met in health care, and is driving you to pursue this research? *

**Not to exceed 500 words*

15. Explain your project's research methodology. *

**Not to exceed 500 words*

16. Is this project new or ongoing? *

(If it is ongoing, please describe past and/or current progress)

17. Does this project have matching funds, in-kind support, or funds secured from any other source(s)?

(If yes, list the type, sources and amount)

18. Will funds for this project be used to pay employee salary?

(If yes, please explain who will be paid, what their role is for the project, and how much money will be requested for each case of employee salary support)

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19. Budget: Describe how project funds will be spent
*(Include: Items/services to be purchased and estimated cost) **
**This can be line item in form - Not to exceed 300 words*

20. Reference List

**Not to exceed 300 words*

21. Please use this opportunity to upload 1 file that contains additional information that supports your project. The upload should be a PDF that contains no more than 3 continuous pages. The document can contain images, graphs, or text. This upload is not mandatory.

 **Upload file**

File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 1GB Allowed file types: Word, Excel, PPT, PDF, Image, Video, Audio

22. Please enter your name in the box below to indicate your intent to sign this application and attest that all information provided herein is true and correct. *

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