To: UC San Diego Health Sciences Faculty
From: Adriana Tremoulet, MD, MAS; Colin Depp, PhD and UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI)
Subject: UC San Diego ACTRI Invites Applications for a new program to support research/training grant resubmission for under-represented minority scholars

Dear Colleagues,
UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) is pleased to provide a new Career Development program for under-represented minority faculty at UCSD called SUSTAIN (Sustaining Under-represented Scholars in Translational And Interdisciplinary Networks). This retention-focused, institutionally-supported program is intended to support under-represented minority (URM) faculty members who are resubmitting NIH K or R grants (or equivalent). National data indicates that URM faculty are less likely to resubmit proposals and thus may be less likely to sustain academic research careers. The SUSTAIN program's goal is to increase the likelihood of successful proposal resubmission by providing up to 1 year of protected time, grant writing training, and linkage to didactic, mentorship, and other resources customized to the applicant.

The SUSTAIN program provides up to 1 year of support at 50% of full time salary (up to $60,000), which must be matched by the department and confirmed in a letter from the candidate's Department Chair. The combined effort must enable a total of at least 75% research effort.

In this new program, applicants much meet the following Eligibility Criteria:
1. Applicants must have already applied for a NIH K award or R award (or equivalent such as a VA CDA or Merit award).
2. Applicants must be planning to resubmit the grant within 1 year (or submit a new grant in 1 year that is either an NIH K, KL2, R or equivalent).
3. The program is intended for URM faculty members (see UC San Diego Health Sciences definition)
   https://medschool.ucsd.edu/vchs/faculty-academics/faculty-affairs/Resources/Pages/helpful-links.aspx
4. Applicants must be a faculty member in any academic series. Post-doctoral scholars are not eligible.
5. The period of support will begin in Fall 2020 and cannot exceed one year of funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND TIMELINE:
October 2nd, 2020
*Note: Eligible applicants who submit to the KL2 call for applications (*https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/Eligibility.aspx*) do not need to submit a separate application for this SUSTAIN opportunity. KL2 applicants candidates can opt-in to the SUSTAIN program and will then be considered without having to submit specifically for this opportunity.*

After competitive review process in October, our goal is to notify applicants by late October. Criteria for selection focuses on research promise and likelihood of successful resubmission. Start dates for the award would be as early as late fall. Each application will be reviewed by ACTRI education leadership and ad-hoc reviewers selected based on scientific content expertise.

For detailed information about the program, eligibility and the application process, please visit https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/default.aspx.

For any questions about the program, please contact ACTRI-Education@health.ucsd.edu, including also Adriana Tremoulet (atremoulet@health.ucsd.edu) and Colin Depp (cdepp@health.ucsd.edu).

ACTRI Seeks Applicants for SUSTAIN program to support successful grant resubmissions among under-represented minority faculty

The UC San Diego Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute (ACTRI) is launching a new program called SUSTAIN (Supporting Under-represented Scholars in Translational and Interdisciplinary Networks). The purpose of the program is to support Under-Represented Minority (URM) faculty members in submitting successful resubmissions of grant applications. National data indicate that URM faculty members are less likely to sustain research careers. Increasing the rate of successful resubmission of grants during early critical career phases could positively impact sustainment of research careers among URM faculty. The SUSTAIN program provides up to 1 year of protected time and grant writing training to awarded scholars.

This is not a post-doctoral fellowship, but is intended for UC San Diego faculty members in any academic series who will have completed their training and have a faculty appointment. Applicants from all departments/divisions of UCSD are eligible.

Candidates must 1) identify as an under-represented racial or ethnic minority as defined by UC San Diego Health Sciences: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/vchs/faculty-academics/faculty-affairs/Resources/Pages/helpful-links.aspx, 2) have already submitted and received a summary statement from a K, R, or equivalent grant mechanism, 3) be currently appointed as a faculty member in any series (or appointed at the start of SUSTAIN funding).

The SUSTAIN program provides 50% support (including benefits) for up to 2 awarded scholars per year. The other 50% must be matched by the department, and the total effort devoted to research must be 75% or greater. Applicants who have already received an R01 or equivalent grant are not eligible. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. ACTRI will grant up to $60,000 towards salary, plus benefits. Up to one year of support can be provided, and it is expected that during this year of support, resubmission will be completed.

The program is intended to be flexible in research and training activities, as specified in the Research and Training Plan. The Research and Training plan should detail expected activities, to include collection of additional preliminary data, expansion of scientific networks, and/or additional methodologic training. All participants are expected to apply for participation in a grant writing workshop, in particular those led by the UC San Diego Office of Faculty Affairs. A timeline should be provided for these activities, including the anticipated date of resubmission.

Note that eligible applicants for the 2020 ACTRI RFA for the KL2 Program (https://medschool.ucsd.edu/research/actri/education/KL2-program/Pages/Eligibility.aspx) do not need to submit a separate application for this opportunity. Candidates will can simply opt-in during submission of their KL2 application using the Webgrants application.

All applications must be received by 5:00 PM Pacific Time on Friday October 2nd, 2020. After competitive review, all applicants will be notified in late fall 2020. Funding can begin as early as October 2020. Questions regarding this program should be directed to ACTRI-Education@health.ucsd.edu, including Adriana Tremoulet (atremoulet@health.ucsd.edu) and Colin Depp (cdepp@health.ucsd.edu)

Application Instructions
Applicants should use the following table to guide the structure, content and page limitations of their proposals:

Item	Description	Maximum Number of Pages
Chair Letter	The chair letter should make an explicit statement regarding support for 50% effort in conjunction with the 50% provided by the SUSTAIN award, and should indicate that 75% of the Candidate's total time will be devoted to research	**None**
Mentor Letter (if re-applying for a Career Development award)	The mentor letter should be the applicant's primary mentor and should detail mentor activities and support during the year	**None**
Research and Training Plan	The Research Plan should state the following: 1. Project Specific Aims (original submitted Aims can be provided) 2. Plans to address scientific concerns raised by reviewers (or if new opportunity) such as collection of new preliminary data, add establish new collaborations, or other such activities pursuant to the novel opportunity 3. Timeline for research and training activities over 1 year The Training Plan should state the following: 1. Long-term career goals and how the research and training plan fits into those goals 2. Plans for participation in OFA/ACTRI grant writing workshops 3. Plans to participate in any of a) didactics, or skill building training b) expansion of mentor network, c) other career development activities such as NCLAM, HCOE, or others.	**Max of 4 pages**
Summary Statement	A copy of the Summary Statement that accompanies the revised application should be provided. Even if a new opportunity is to be pursued, these Summary Statements are useful for understanding the basis of the application.	**None**

Eligibility Checklist	This checklist accompanies the application and details a) under-represented scientist status, b) faculty member status	**1 page**
Applicant's Biographical Sketch	BioSketch must be in current NIH BioSketch format. **Please click here for guidance.**	5

Your application is due no later than **5:00 PM Pacific Time on Friday October 2nd, 2020**

Applicants should submit their application as ONE file in PDF format as an attachment to ACTRI-education@health.ucsd.edu. That file should contain all information as detailed in the above table. Font minimum is 11 point and no less than 0.5 inch margins must be observed on all margins. *Applications that do not adhere to these guidelines will be viewed as non-responsive and may be removed from consideration.*