20th Annual HHS SBIR/STTR Conference – October 30-November 1, 2018

Join us in Dallas, TX for the *20th Annual HHS SBIR/STTR Conference: A Better Tomorrow – Big Ideas in BioTech* on October 30-November 1, 2018, hosted by the Dallas Regional Chamber. **Save $100 dollars when you register today, Early Bird Registration (https://hhs20dallas.org/register/) ends August 30, 2018!**

This national, three-day event is designed to educate attendees about **America's Largest Seed Fund** and how to access federal resources, develop competitive proposals, and secure awards. At **$1 billion dollars of annual HHS funding**, this is one of the largest sources of early-stage capital for life science technology commercialization in the United States.

This conference is relevant to a diverse audience, including biomedical entrepreneurs; principal investigators; grants and contracts administrators; and industry partners and investors.

Representatives from the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**, **Administration for Community Living (ACL)**, **Department of Defense Health Agency (DHA)**, **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**, **HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and the United States Patent** and **Trademark Office (USPTO)** will give presentations and answer questions during One-on-One meetings.

For specific questions about the HHS SBIR/STTR programs, please contact sbir@od.nih.gov.

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New NCATS SBIR Contract Solicitation – Application Deadline October 22

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

2019 Contract Solicitation Funding Opportunity Now Available
Application Deadline: Oct. 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences: NCATS (https://ncats.nih.gov/) at the National Institutes of Health invites small businesses to apply for funding through the 2019 Small Business Innovation Research: SBIR (https://ncats.nih.gov/smallbusiness) contract (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-209.html) to support small businesses interested in developing innovative health technologies.

The deadline for submitting proposals is Oct. 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET.

NCATS' contract funding topics for 2019 include:
- Synthetic Technologies for Advancement of Research and Therapeutics (START)
- Universal Medium/Blood Mimetic for Use in Integrated Organs-on-Chips
- Non-PDMS Biocompatible Alternatives for Organs-on-Chips

Important Dates:
- Aug. 16, 2018: Contract Funding Webinar Register today! (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4384275519409493762
- Aug. 31, 2018: Q&A Deadline
- Oct. 22, 2018: Solicitation Deadline

View the solicitation (https://sbir.nih.gov/sites/default/files/PHS2019-1.pdf) for more information about contract eligibility, topics, award amounts, submission information and timelines. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the contract solicitation carefully and must use the electronic Contract Proposal Submission: eCPS (https://ecps.nih.gov/) website to submit their proposal. No other method of proposal submission is permitted.

For questions on NCATS SBIR contract topics, please contact:
NCATS Contracting Officer Jeffrey Schmidt at jeffrey.schmidt@nih.gov.

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NCATS' SBIR and STTR programs are engines of innovation for developing and commercializing tools, technologies and intervention platforms to support the creation of new therapeutics and diagnostics. SBIR and STTR are government set-aside programs for domestic small businesses to engage in research and development that has the potential for commercialization and public benefit.

2018-2019 NIH Commercialization Accelerator Program (CAP) is Now Open

2018-2019 Commercialization Accelerator Program (CAP)
Accepting Applications until August 16, 2018.

Register for the Informational Webinar here:
http://bit.ly/2uXsb9l

If you are an SBIR/STTR Phase II Awardee with interest and questions regarding the NIH CAP, please register for the **Information Session Webinar** which will be held on **Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 1:00pm-2:30pm EDT**, as Rohit Shukla, CEO of Larta Institute (http://www.larta.org/team/rohit-shukla) and JP Kim, SBIR-STTR Program Manager at NIH, host an informational webinar on the NIH Commercialization Accelerator Program (CAP).

This program is designed to assist HHS SBIR/STTR Phase II awardees in evaluating their commercialization options based on their specific technologies (including the need and prospect for investment, strategic partnerships, or licensing), and help them develop a solid market-entry plan covering an 18-month period.

CAP is customized to meet the needs of participating companies in three distinct tracks:
- The Commercialization Transition Track (CTT) for emerging companies
- The Advanced Commercialization Track (ACT)
- The Regulatory/Reimbursement Training Track (RTT) for "seasoned" companies.

There are **eighty (80) available slots** that will be distributed throughout these tracks.

Questions about the CAP?
- Register for the Information Session Webinar (https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2607934221082060033) which will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 1:00pm-2:30pm EDT
- Find detailed program information and application instructions on the NIH SBIR/STTR CAP website. (https://sbir.nih.gov/cap)
- Read NOT-OD-18-213 (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-213.html) for details.

Please direct all inquiries to:

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Apply for NCATS SBIR/STTR Funding – Application Deadline September 5

Prepare Your 2018 Omnibus Solicitation Application for Small Business Innovation Research & Technology Transfer Grants – Application Deadline: Sept. 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m. local time

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) at the National Institutes of Health invites small businesses to apply for funding through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) **2018 Omnibus Grant Solicitations**:
- SBIR: PA-18-574 (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-574.html)
- STTR: PA-18-575 (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-575.html)

NCATS encourages applications that address a range of focus areas relevant to any stage of translation, from target validation through pre-clinical and clinical evaluation, to intervention implementation and dissemination, including:
- Drug Discovery and Development
- Biomedical, Clinical and Health Research Informatics
- Clinical, Dissemination and Implementation Research

The deadline to apply is Sept. 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m. local time.

Benefits of Applying:
- Funding is stable, predictable and not a loan
- Capital is non-dilutive
- Small businesses retain intellectual property rights
- NIH's rigorous peer-review provides recognition, validation and visibility to early-stage companies
- Prestige associated with these awards can help attract more funding or other support (e.g., venture capital, strategic partners)

Tips for Applying:
1. **Clear all administrative requirements:** Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and complete all required registrations prior to submission. Register your small business with Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and the NIH eRA Commons as soon as possible. Principal Investigators must also individually register with NIH eRA Commons. Those eligible to certify as a Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) should obtain the WOSB designation.
2. **Build and submit a strong application:** Follow the SBIR/STTR Application Guide to ensure proper grant application content and format. Applicants may submit their application using ASSIST or the Grants.gov Workspace.
3. **Submit before the deadline:** Don't wait until the last minute! Start your submission process two to three months ahead.

Questions? NCATS encourages applicants to email NCATS-SBIRSTTR@mail.nih.gov to discuss potential project ideas and related questions. Visit our website to learn more about additional funding opportunities and resources, as well as eligibility requirements and research priorities.

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