**Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network**

**Mini Sabbatical Funding**

Recognizing that needed expertise is not always readily available, the Mini Sabbatical Program allows CTR faculty to participate in short-term research immersion opportunities. Up to $2,500 in funding may be requested for this opportunity to facilitate knowledge acquisition to enhance grant competitiveness. A mini sabbatical is intended to meet your research objectives based on the individual’s previous knowledge, experience, specific interests, research and/or training goals. We anticipate many of the mini sabbatical opportunities could be completed in less than one week. Immersion research opportunities are not predetermined by the GP IDeA-CTR and need to be identified by the applicant, based on their research interests, and needs. Applicants must make prior arrangements with an external sponsor who is willing to commit to collaborating, making their mini sabbatical possible. Number of awards given may be capped based on available funding.

Each mini sabbatical is designed to fulfill objectives based on the applicant's previous knowledge, experience, specific interests, and research and/or training goals. Most can be completed in less than a week.

**Priorities for Funding:**

* + Qualifications of applicant
  + Likelihood that the support will have a sustainable impact and can be shared within the applicant’s community/specialty
  + Alignment with the Great Plains IDeA-CTR mission to advance clinical translational research

**Eligibility:**

* + Full-time faculty from any of the Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network partner Institutions (UNMC, UNO, UNL, UNK, Creighton University, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, and the Omaha VA).

**Applications should include the following:**

* + NIH Biosketch (NIH format prior to 2022 is allowed)
  + Up to a 1-page narrative that includes the following: summary of proposed research experience (including rationale and potential impact), purpose and description of the project (collaboration), learning objectives, budget, and budget justification (not to exceed $2,500).
  + Letter or email documenting collaboration, as applicable

**Details:**

* Funds must be spent (and sabbatical completed) within 3 months of receiving award notification.
* Applications need to be submitted at least 1 month prior to immersion experience.
* Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will be approved by the Professional Development Core director and co-director.
* Funds will need to be paid upfront by the awardee and/or their department. Reimbursement will be provided once all receipts are obtained by our office, subject to NIH rules on expenditures.
* No international travel is allowed.

**Submission:**

* Required materials should be submitted in REDCap, [here](https://unmcredcap.unmc.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=YLK8D73XLRYPWA3M).

**Expectations:**

* Provide a brief evaluation of experience upon completion.