**Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network**

 **Mini Sabbatical Funding**

Recognizing that needed expertise is not always readily available, the Mini Sabbatical Program allows clinical translational research faculty to participate in short-term research immersion opportunities. Up to $2,500 in funding may be requested to assist with knowledge acquisition to enhance grant competitiveness. A mini sabbatical is intended to meet research objectives based on the individual’s previous knowledge, experience, specific interests, research and/or training goals. Immersion research opportunities are not predetermined by the Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network 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 to make the 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, research and/or training goals. Most can be completed in less than a week.

**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 Nebraska, and the Omaha VA).

**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

**Application Requirements**

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

**Details**

* Your sabbatical must be completed within 3 months of receiving the 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 reviewed by the Professional Development Core director and co-director. Applicants will be notified within one week whether their sabbatical request has been approved or denied.

**Budget Guidelines**

* Costs need to be paid upfront by the awardee and/or their department. Reimbursement will be provided once all receipts are submitted to our office, subject to NIH rules on expenditures.
* No international travel is allowed.

**Expectations**

* Provide a brief evaluation of experience upon completion.
* Respond to a short progress survey at 6 and 12-months post sabbatical.

**Questions?**

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