The University of Minnesota CTSA Program fact sheet

The University of Minnesota has been awarded the prestigious $51 million Clinical and Translational Science Award by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – the largest award of its kind ever received by the University.

About the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program

- The CTSA program aims to develop teams of investigators from various fields of research who can efficiently translate, or transform, scientific discoveries into treatments and strategies for patients in the clinic or into healthy communities.
- Launched in 2006 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to foster clinical and translational science at research institutions across the country and to integrate community involvement in the research process.
- With its recent award, the University of Minnesota joins an elite national consortium of research institutions, now expanded to include 59 funded sites.

About the U of M’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)

- The Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) will oversee the CTSA program at the U of M.
- The CTSI improves health and well-being by accelerating discoveries into practice quickly, benefiting patients and healthy communities faster. It also works to actively engage the University’s community partners in the clinical trials and research process.
- Since its founding in April 2009, the CTSI has worked to:
  - Foster and support meaningful relationships between University faculty and the surrounding communities, allowing for new direction on the research programs that would have the greatest impact for the region.
  - Enhance collaboration across many fields of study by providing a centralized resource for University faculty and staff engaged in clinical and translational science research.
  - Train the next generation of health sciences researchers to think more collaboratively about research, and to focus on community involvement to inform the process rather than solely on research outcomes.
- The CTSI is led by Bruce R. Blazar, M.D., Principal Investigator and CTSI Director. As a researcher, Blazar has directed preclinical basic and translational immunology and stem cell research and early phase clinical studies for more than 25 years, with particular emphasis in the blood and marrow transplantation immunobiology.
- The CTSI is located at 717 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Leaders of the CTSA Program at the University of Minnesota

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