



Expanded Mini-Symposium Program 2025-2026 Request for Proposals

What & Who: The Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical & Translational Science (GHUCCTS) is expanding our successful [mini-symposium program](#) beyond KL2 scholars by offering translationally-focused early-stage investigators (ESIs) from our hub institutions the opportunity to organize mini-symposia, tailored to their own research interests but accessible to a broad, multidisciplinary audience. Goals are to increase internal and external networking, build new collaborative and mentoring relationships, increase local recognition of multidisciplinary translational research and highlight translational science principles across our multi-institutional CTSA Hub.

Past events have been ½ day symposia, with (at least) presentations by an invited keynote speaker and the ESI but also including other invited or short talks, panel discussions, or interactions. While all events are face-to-face, at least the main talks will be also be livestreamed. The mini-symposium events can be also leverage departmental meetings or seminars, research group meetings, or networking/collaborative activities.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Must be an NIH defined [ESI](#); i.e., a faculty-level Investigator who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and not yet PI of a substantial NIH independent research award.
- Must be a US citizen, Non-Citizen National, or Permanent Resident.
- Must have a full-time faculty (or equivalent) appointment at a GHUCCTS institution (Georgetown University, Howard University, MedStar Health, or Oak Ridge National Lab,) at the time of award.

How: We envision up to a 4-week [online process](#) for application development. Applicants will provide details about their proposed mini-symposium, including:

- Details about their invited keynote speaker and topic/title **NOTE:** Applicant should also plan to present her/his work.
- Format of proposed symposium
- Academic/intellectual and personal career development goals of proposed mini-symposium
- Target Audiences
- Manner in which proposal will also engage pre- and post-doctoral and clinical trainees
- Budget & Budget justification
- Applicants are encouraged to apply early and contact the KL2 Executive Committee as quickly as possible for guidance and feedback.

When: Application deadline: November 23, 2025; 11:59PM

Selection& Decision: on a rolling basis through **end of 2025**

NOTE: All Mini-Symposia need to be completed by March 31, 2026

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