

# GHUCCTS Pilot Grant Applications: 2026-2027

Note: This application is due by:

11:59 pm, December 14, 2026

Please be sure to review the entire application to ensure you have everything required. Blank Budget, Budget Justification, and Approval Forms are located at the bottom of the page.

If you choose to "Save and Return Later" please be sure to copy the prompted code as it will be your access back into your application.

If you have any issues or questions about your application please contact our Program Coordinator, Angel Nkwain at angel.nkwain@howard.edu

Thank you!

See page 7 for revised CTR/CTS scope, narrative requirements, and IRB/IACUC submission timing.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION:

**Contact PI that is responsible for coordinating and submitting the application as well as staying up to date on requests for the PTCS program**

First Name

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Last Name

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Degree

- ☐ M.D.  
☐ Ph.D  
☐ Other

Degree (Other)

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Institution

- ☐ Georgetown University  
☐ Howard University  
☐ MedStar Health Research Institute  
☐ Veteran's Affairs (DC)  
☐ Oak Ridge National Laboratory

School/College

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Department Name

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Academic Title

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Area of Expertise

- ☐ Cellular & Molecular Lab  
☐ Basic Neuroscience  
☐ Clinical Medicine and Dentistry  
☐ Behavioral Science  
☐ Population Science  
☐ Health Services  
☐ Medical Ethics  
☐ Other

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Area of Expertise (Other)

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Email

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Phone Number

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Are you a member of an underrepresented minority group?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
((i.e. American Indian/Alaskan Native, African-American/Black, Mexican-American, and/or Puerto Rican))

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Underrepresented Minority Group

- ☐ Native American  
☐ African American/Black  
☐ Mexican American  
☐ Puerto Rican

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Does your application have a Co-Principal Investigator?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
((If your application has more than one Co-PI, please document that in the "Other Comments" section below))

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Co-PI First Name

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Co-PI Last Name

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Co-PI Degree

- ☐ M.D.  
☐ Ph.D  
☐ Other

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Co-PI Degree (Other)

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Co-PI Institution

- ☐ Georgetown University  
☐ Howard University  
☐ MedStar Health Research Institute  
☐ Veteran's Affairs (DC)

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Co-PI School/College

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Co-PI Department Name

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Co-PI Academic Title

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| Co-PI Area of Expertise | <input type="radio"/> Cellular & Molecular Lab<br><input type="radio"/> Basic Neuroscience<br><input type="radio"/> Clinical Medicine and Dentistry<br><input type="radio"/> Behavioral Science<br><input type="radio"/> Population Science<br><input type="radio"/> Health Services<br><input type="radio"/> Medical Ethics<br><input type="radio"/> Other |
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Co-PI Area of Expertise (Other)

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Co-PI Email

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Co-PI Phone Number

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Is the Co-PI a member of an underrepresented minority group?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
((i.e. American Indian/Alaskan Native, African-American/Black, Mexican-American, and/or Puerto Rican))

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## PROJECT INFORMATION

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Topic Areas

[Attachment: "PTCS App Topic Areas 2026-27.pdf"]

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Pilot Project Topic Area  
(Please see attachment above for categories and additional information)

- ☐ A  
☐ B  
☐ C  
☐ D  
☐ E  
☐ F  
☐ G  
☐ H

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Are you addressing additional topic areas?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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Additional Pilot Project Topic Areas?

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Project Title

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Will your project involve more than one site/institution?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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| Project Site/Institution                                                 | <input type="radio"/> Georgetown University<br><input type="radio"/> Howard University<br><input type="radio"/> MedStar Health Research Institute<br><input type="radio"/> Veteran's Affairs (DC)<br><input type="radio"/> Oak Ridge National Laboratory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Primary Site/Institution                                                 | <input type="radio"/> Georgetown University<br><input type="radio"/> Howard University<br><input type="radio"/> MedStar Health Research Institute<br><input type="radio"/> Veteran's Affairs (DC)<br><input type="radio"/> Oak Ridge National Laboratory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Secondary Site/Institution                                               | <input type="radio"/> Georgetown University<br><input type="radio"/> Howard University<br><input type="radio"/> MedStar Health Research Institute<br><input type="radio"/> Veteran's Affairs (DC)<br><input type="radio"/> Oak Ridge National Laboratory<br><input type="radio"/> Other<br>((if necessary, note tertiary site/location in the "Other Comments" section below))                                                                                                                                                            |
| Other Site/Institution                                                   | <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Total Requested Amount                                                   | <hr/> (( Max. \$40,000))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| GHUCCTS Resources/Services to be Utilized in Project                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Informatics<br><input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Research Unit(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement and Research<br><input type="checkbox"/> Design, Biostatistics and Population Studies<br><input type="checkbox"/> Novel Translational Methodologies<br><input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory & Ethics Knowledge & Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Research Education & Training<br><input type="checkbox"/> Translational Technologies and Resources<br>((Click All That Apply)) |
| Does your project focus on any of the following underserved populations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minorities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Veterans<br><input type="checkbox"/> Disabled<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Research Doesn't Involve Human Subject Populations<br>((Click All That Apply))                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Other Underserved Population                                             | <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Other Comments                                                           | <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Number of Georgetown Investigators                                       | <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Number of Howard Investigators                                           | <hr/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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Number of MedStar Investigators

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Number of DCVA Investigators

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Number of Investigators at Oak Ridge National Laboratory:

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Number of Investigators at Other Locations:

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Total Number of Investigators  
(Please Ensure You are Included in Total Calculation)

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(Number Automatically Calculated )

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Have you already obtained regulatory approval for this project?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No regulatory approval at this time  
((IRB or IACUC))

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IRB/IACUC approval from what institution?

- ☐ GHUCCTS  
☐ Georgetown University  
☐ Howard University  
☐ MedStar Health & Research Institute  
☐ Veteran Affairs (DC)  
☐ Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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IRB/IACUC Number

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IRB/IACUC Approval Document

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CITI Training Requirements

[Attachment: "CITI Requirements.png"]

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PI CITI Training Certificate

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Co-PI CITI Training Certificate

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Study Team CITI Training Certificate(s)

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### ATTACHMENTS (PDF Files Only)

#### **\*Please Note\***

- 1. Applications must be submitted utilizing specified templates located below**
- 2. Applications received without all components will be considered incomplete**

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**Abstract:**

To enable community representative review, we are requiring that abstracts be written to be understood by a lay audience and to not include or clearly define technical terms, and for the abstracts to address relevance to public/community health.

((250-word limit))

Failure to provide such an abstract could lead to return of the application without it being reviewed.

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**Specific Aims Page (NIH Format)**

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**Proposal Narrative & Optional Cover Letter**

((4 Page Max for narrative))

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**References & Appendixes**

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**NIH PHS 398 Budget Form**

[Attachment: "NIH BUDGET BLANK 2026.pdf"]

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**Budget**

(Please use NIH Budget PHS 398 template attached above)

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**Budget Justification Template**

[Attachment: "Budget Justification Template (1).docx"]

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**Budget Justification**

(Please use the Budget Justification template attached above)

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**Investigator Biosketch(es)**

((All Biosketches Need to be Combined into Single PDF File))

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**Division Chief/Department Chair & GHUCCTS Executive Approval Form**  
(required to ensure institutional resource support)

[Attachment: "Department Chair & GHUCCTS Executive Approval Form-8 (2026).docx"]

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**Department Chair Approval Form Upload & Optional Letter of Support**

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**D&I Consultation Confirmation**

## **GHUCCTS Pilot Application Requirements 2026-2027**

The Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (GHUCCTS) invites applications for its 2026-2027 Clinical and Translational Research and Science Pilot Awards, supported by our UM1 award from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). We welcome Clinical and Translational Research (CTR) projects, including studies focused on a specific disease, population, or clinical setting, that incorporate Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) principles into their design and conduct.

Awards provide up to \$40,000 in direct costs for 12 months. Four awards are anticipated. No-cost extensions cannot be approved.

### **Research narrative and supporting materials**

Submit a 1-page Specific Aims page in NIH format and a narrative of no more than 4 pages. Include Background and Translational Impact, Preliminary Studies, and Design and Methods. Use consecutively numbered pages, the PI name at the top of each page, single spacing, at least 11-point font, and margins of at least 0.5 inches.

Within the narrative, devote one-quarter to one-half page to the translational challenge, how CTS principles are incorporated and assessed, and the potential relevance of the approach or lessons to other studies or settings. Disease-specific CTR proposals are welcome.

The abstract must be written for a lay audience, address public/community health relevance, and contain no more than 250 words. Abstract, lay summary, references, biosketches, budget, attachments, and Human Subjects considerations are outside the narrative page limit.

Use current NIH biosketches for all investigators, the PHS 398 Form Page 4 budget, and the Budget Justification template. A separate budget and subcontract are required for each participating institution. Obtain Department Chair or Division Chief and institutional GHUCCTS Executive approval. D&I consultation confirmation is required; contact [Hannah.Arem@medstar.net](mailto:Hannah.Arem@medstar.net).

### **Regulatory documentation and award dates**

IRB/IACUC submission confirmation or documentation of exemption is required within one month of award notification, not at full application submission. Upload existing approvals if available. Human subjects projects require NCATS approval before fund disbursement; final NCATS approval is contingent on IRB approval.

Full application due: December 14, 2026 at 11:59 pm. Review: December 16, 2026 to January 8, 2027. Award notifications: January 15, 2027. Earliest anticipated start: January 22, 2027.

Co-PI institution options also include Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Community partners may apply with a full-time faculty investigator at a GHUCCTS partner institution; identify additional affiliations in Other Comments. Use the revised A-H topic area attachment.