

Interdisciplinary New Collaborative Awards (INC) Request for Proposals and Full Application Instructions - 2025

Goals and Background

The mission of the Delaware CTR ACCEL Program is to accelerate clinical and translational research that addresses health outcomes of Delawareans. The Interdisciplinary New Collaborative (INC) Awards are a new mechanism aimed at fostering new and innovative collaborations among investigators from different disciplines whose work spans different regions of the translation spectrum (see https://ncats.nih.gov/translation/spectrum for NIH's definition). For example, a proposal might pair testing the efficacy of a rehabilitation intervention in children with autism along with examination of blood and brain biomarkers that may be predictive of autism severity or responsiveness to the intervention. This would involve both basic and clinical research and might engage investigators with expertise in neurology, physiology, endocrinology, psychology, and/or physical rehabilitation all working together. Another example might be an engineer working on an innovative smartphone application to track distances walked in the community collaborating with a behavioral psychologist and an exercise physiologist focused on identifying and reducing barriers to increasing walking exercise among community dwelling older adults. INC Awards are \$100,000 over 2-years.

Deadlines

Applications are due *Friday, August 9, 2024 by 5:00 PM*. PIs are strongly encouraged to complete the submission process well in advance of their deadline, as the submission windows will close at 5 pm sharp and *no exceptions will be made*. Partial or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The Dashboard will open by June 30th.

***Please email* <u>Megan Wenner, PhD, Pilot Program Director,</u> *to state your intent for submitting an INC project by* <u>**July 8th**</u>. Please include the team members and institutions, and 2-3 sentences of the scope of the work and how it is translational. This will aid the Pilot Core in the early identification of reviewers for these projects.**

Before a proposal can be submitted, <u>all PIs must register as an ACCEL user and have a valid ORCID account</u> <u>linked to ACCEL.</u> One PI should be dedicated to submitting the proposal. Proposals submitted under another user's ACCEL account (i.e., support staff) will not be accepted.

Eligibility

Grants are given to support clinical or translational work that addresses health outcomes of Delawareans. PIs must be from one of the ACCEL partner institutions, i.e., University of Delaware, Nemours, Christiana Care, and Delaware State University. Given the collaborative nature of this award mechanism, a minimum of 2









PIs is a requirement. No more than 4 PIs are allowed. Investigators must be included across different disciplines and include work that spans multiple levels of the translational spectrum (see <u>https://ncats.nih.gov/translation/spectrum</u> for NIH's definition). The collaboration must be a new collaboration; i.e., no prior funding in this line of research obtained by the team. It is encouraged to build interdisciplinary teams that include PIs from diverse backgrounds.

PIs must hold a faculty appointment or equivalent at the time the award commences. These are individuals who can independently apply for Federal or non-Federal investigator-initiated peer-reviewed Research Project Grants (RPGs). Individuals holding postdoctoral fellowships or other positions that lack independent status are not eligible PIs.

PIs may not concurrently have research funding from other IDeA Program award mechanisms (e.g., INBRE, COBRE, CTR).

INC grants may not overlap with ongoing funded projects. Awards are not intended to supplement or duplicate currently funded work. Rather, it is expected that submitted applications will describe projects that are clearly distinct from ongoing research activities. Minor variations from existing research projects are not sufficient to constitute independent and distinct projects.

If the proposal includes subcontracts, please consult with your institutional PI prior to submitting. Subcontracts to institutions located in non-IDeA states are not allowed. However, services provided in non-IDeA states can be purchased on a fee-for-service basis.

Credentialing

Investigators who will be working in hospitals may need to obtain credentials and are encouraged to begin that process well in advance of the start date of the grant, as the process can take several months. Please contact your institutional administrator or **mentoring@de-ctr.org**

Award Information

All awards must consist of clinical or translational research (see <u>https://ncats.nih.gov/translation/spectrum</u> for NIH's definition). In addition, more than half of all proposals awarded by ACCEL must be clinical, i.e., involving human subjects. Further, because community engagement is a priority of the Delaware CTR ACCEL Program, <u>all</u> applications must outline a plan for outreach, involvement, and/or dissemination of their research findings to a relevant community. See the CDC's definition of <u>community engagement</u> for more details. Investigators will also need to include a Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (PEDP). More details can be found below in detailed instructions, in the section on INC Funding Justification.

Budget & Timeline

Up to \$100,000 direct costs may be requested for INC Awards. A budget period of up to 24 months may be requested. A typical grant will support clinical research coordinators, postdoctoral fellows, or graduate students, as well as appropriate amounts for supplies, travel, etc.

PIs are discouraged from requesting salary for this work, and should discuss cost sharing options with their institution. Whether salary is charged to the grant or not, the <u>anticipated effort must be indicated in the budget</u>. For UD investigators, a minimum of 1% cost share is required.









Budgets must follow all NIH budget guidelines for allowability of costs. As this project crosses award years, separate budgets and corresponding face pages will be required for the following periods:

January 1, 2025- June 30, 2025

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

July 1, 2026-December 31, 2026

Please be realistic around the likelihood of expending budgeted funds in the first 6 months as your project is just beginning. You may want to weight expenses in later budget periods, especially if you are hiring a TBNamed graduate student, which might take longer than expected. Work with your ACCEL institutional financial administrator if you have questions.

Consultation with ACCEL Cores

ACCEL Cores are available for consultation before submission and/or during the project award period. A brief description of some of the ACCEL Core resources is provided below. More detailed information about each of the cores can be found on the <u>ACCEL website</u>.

ACCEL Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD) Core

The BERD Core is available to review study design, methods, and statistical approaches prior to submission: <u>https://dash.de-ctr.org/consult/submit/berd</u>. The BERD Core also has established mechanisms to obtain access to insurance claims data as well as to the National COVID19 Cohort Collaborative (N₃C) registry (<u>https://covid.cd2h.org/N₃C</u>) for investigators with relevant research aims. Requests for BERD Core assistance prior to submission should be made no later than July 10, 2024. Contact <u>Dr. Claudine Jurkovitz</u> for more information.

ACCEL Community Engagement and Outreach (CEO) Core

The CDC defines community engagement as "...the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the wellbeing of those people." See the CDC's complete description of <u>community engagement</u> for more details. INC proposals need to address community engagement as part of the application, therefore <u>all applicants</u> are strongly encouraged to involve the CEO Core prior to submission. The CEO Core helps PIs realize the potential community impact of their work and can aid in making connections to community partners when appropriate. Requests for CEO Core assistance should be submitted no later than June 30, 2024. Contact <u>Dr. Lee Pachter</u> for more information.

ACCEL Professional Development (PD) Core

Investigators that have not had experience with submitting an NIH grant proposal are strongly encouraged to contact the PD Core to take advantage of career development programs and consultation offered. The PD Core is available for individual consultations and host weekly Junior Investigators Network sessions on career development and research proposal writing that can be attended via phone or computer. Requests for PDC assistance should be made no later than June 30, 2024. Please contact the PDC Mentoring Team (mentoring@de-ctr.org) for more information.

Application Submission Information

Whether or not internal routing is required prior to submission of the full application is determined by each institution. PIs should work with their institutional ACCEL administrator to assure that all required documents









are completed correctly and submitted on time with the application. The following ACCEL research officers should be consulted prior to submission:

ChristianaCare: <u>Al Bacon</u> Delaware State University: <u>Dayna Littleton</u> Nemours: <u>Ranita Chakrabarti</u> University of Delaware: <u>Robyne Nizer</u>

Upon submission of the application to the Delaware CTR ACCEL, it may be forwarded to the appropriate institutional office for budget and effort verification.

Application Submission Components

The proposal is similar in format and style to that of an NIH R03/R21 proposal, with a few exceptions. The *Specific Aims* page must be no longer than 1 page and the *Research Strategy* section (with Significance, Innovation, Approach, and Community Engagement subsections) must be no longer than 4 pages. Information regarding the new collaborative nature of the team and interdisciplinary nature of the proposal should be addressed in a separate 1-page document along with a Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (see below). *Further details and step-by-step instructions can be found at the end of this document*.

Review Criteria

Application Review

<u>Scientific Merit Scoring</u>: Reviewers are selected based on their relevant research expertise. Reviews use a modified version of the NIH R-type grant application scoring system, in which scores are given for <u>individual</u> <u>review criteria</u> as well as <u>overall impact</u>. Scores for each may range from 1 (Exceptional) to 9 (Poor). A score of 5 is considered an average score. The individual review criteria are (1) *Significance and Innovation*; (2) *Investigator and Environment*; (3) *Approach*; and (4) *Interdisciplinary nature of the proposal and how the proposal spans the translational spectrum*. The overall impact score reflects a reviewer's overall evaluation of all aspects of the project (not the numerical average of the individual criterion scores) including the interdisciplinary nature of the proposal and team and how the proposal spans the translational spectrum. Full Applications will be rank ordered by overall impact score.

ACCEL Priorities

All grants must involve research that falls on the translational spectrum (see definition <u>here</u>). In addition, ACCEL prioritizes:

- Projects addressing medically underserved populations
- Projects addressing conditions disproportionately affecting Delawareans
- Projects that are interdisciplinary and/or span multiple regions of the translational spectrum
- Projects that include PIs from underrepresented backgrounds
- Projects that span institutions.

Based on overall impact scores and factoring in ACCEL priorities the ACCEL Executive Committee determines which grants to recommend for funding. Final recommendations must be approved by the ACCEL External Advisory Committee before forwarding to NIH for approval. NIH approval is required before an award can be made.









ACCEL INC Award Submission Timeline

August 9, 2024 by 5:00 pm Sept 16, 2024 October 20, 2024*** November 15, 2024 January 1, 2025 Application submission deadline Aug Potential awardees notified Just-In-Time deadline (*IRB/IACUC approval, human subjects certs due*) Proposals sent to NIH for approval Anticipated project start date

*****Please Note:** The IRB and/or IACUC approval must be received by this date or the PI risks significant delays or possible forfeiting of the award. In addition, the IRB/IACUC approval letter must reflect that the protocol title exactly matches the ACCEL INC project title. If it does not, a Letter of Congruency may need to be obtained, or the PI may need to seek approval of a new protocol that exactly matches the ACCEL project.

Expectations

Awardees are expected to complete quarterly reports to be reviewed with the site PI as well as annual research performance progress reports (RPPR). All awardees are required to attend ACCEL conferences to present their work (Annual Community Research Exchange and Annual Advisory Meeting) and the annual (national or regional) NIH IDeA Conference. They are required to cite the ACCEL grant (NIH U54 GM104941) on all related publications and to submit quarterly interim progress reports and a NIH annual progress report. Awardees must keep ACCEL profiles up to date (at least twice per year) and respond to ACCEL surveys. If applicable, clinical trial registration and timely reporting of results at ClinicalTrials.gov is required. ACCEL site PIs have direct oversight of all INC projects and awardees must share project outcomes and progress reports with their site PI. Awardees are responsible for reporting outcomes at award end, up to three years post award end, and as requested during the life of the Delaware CTR ACCEL Program.

Contacts

For questions about the INC submission and review process, please contact: <u>Megan Wenner, PhD</u>; ACCEL Pilot Projects Program Director

For specific questions related to ACCEL Core resources, please contact the appropriate Core Director: <u>Claudine T. Jurkovitz, MD, MPH</u>; Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design Core Director <u>Lee M. Pachter, DO</u>; Community Engagement & Outreach Core Director <u>Robert Akins, PhD</u>; Professional Development Core









Delaware CTR ACCEL

2025 INC Submission Instructions

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications will be submitted through the Delaware CTR ACCEL <u>Dashboard</u>. Select the correct mechanism from the list of funding opportunities, click the box "Submit Proposal", and follow the prompts to complete all sections and upload documents. Note that before a proposal can be submitted, the proposal PI must register as an ACCEL user and have a valid ORCID account linked to ACCEL. Proposals must be submitted by the PI (or their ACCEL designee); proposals submitted under another user's ACCEL account will not be accepted.

The documents to be uploaded should be created using <u>PHS 398 fillable forms</u>. Documents must be written with Arial 11 pt or larger font. Figure legends or tables may include smaller font but must remain easily legible when printed. Text boxes, footnotes, etc. may not be used to circumvent page/font limits. Pages are to be standard letter size (8½" x 11") with at least one-half inch margins. Documents should be converted to PDF for submission.

Key eligibility requirements that are specific to the INC grant mechanism are:

- Proposals must include investigators from different disciplines
- Proposals must include work that spans multiple levels of the translational spectrum
- The collaboration must be new; i.e., no prior funding in this line of research obtained by the team
- Though not required, proposals are strongly encouraged to also bridge multiple partner institutions

Instructions for the Delaware CTR-ACCEL <u>Dashboard</u> Full Application Submission Website:

Project Information Page.

- 1. <u>Project Title</u> Enter the title of the project in the text box provided.
- 2. <u>Project Abstract</u> Enter the project abstract, using language that would be understandable to a broad scientific audience. Explain the overall aim(s) of the work and the expected impact to be made in the field when the work is completed.
- 3. <u>Project Lay Description</u> Enter a description of the project using language that would be understandable to the lay community.
- 4. <u>Project Discipline(s)</u> Select 'yes' or 'to indicate if the project is interdisciplinary /multidisciplinary then also identify the different disciplines involved in the project proposal. ** Only interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary projects will be reviewed.**

Investigator Status Page.

- 1. <u>Prior NIH funding status</u> Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate whether you as the project PI are an ACCELdefined new investigator. Use the ACCEL CTR definition of a new investigator: any investigator who has not previously been PI of a funded NIH K- or R-series award or equivalent extramural funding. Prior NIH funding status for the other MPI(s) will be obtained under the Team Members Page (see details below).
- 2. <u>Career stage</u> Select from the options to indicate whether the submitting PI consider themself an 'earlystage' investigator, 'mid-career' investigator, or 'senior' investigator. The ACCEL CTR generally considers early-stage investigators to be at the assistant professor or equivalent ranking, mid-career









investigators to be at the associate professor or equivalent ranking, and senior investigators to be at the full professor or equivalent ranking. As a Multiple PI (MPI) application, this question applies to the corresponding (submitting) MPI.

Demographics Page.

Select the most correct option for each of the questions about you the submitting PI and your personal demographic information. You are permitted to choose 'Prefer not to respond' to any of these questions. Please note, your answers will not be seen by reviewers and do not influence the review of your proposal. Your answers are used solely in aggregate to help inform ACCEL leadership of the demographic makeup of our applicant pool over time. Questions pertain to identification of gender, race, ethnicity, and physical, mental, or emotional disability.

Disadvantaged Background Determination Page.

Indicate if any of the disadvantaged background categories apply/applied to you personally as the submitting PI. Please select all that are applicable to you. You are permitted to select 'Do not wish to provide' to any of these questions. Please note, your answers will not be seen by reviewers and do not influence the review of your proposal. Your answers are used solely in aggregate to help inform ACCEL leadership of the demographic makeup of our applicant pool over time. If you are uncertain whether one of the categories applies to you, please click on the box in the upper right, "Disadvantaged Background Determination" to read some more detailed information.

Education Page.

Please provide the requested information about the submitting PI's educational background. Please note, your answers will not be seen by reviewers and do not influence the review of your proposal. Your answers are used solely in aggregate to help inform ACCEL leadership of the demographic makeup of our applicant pool over time. Questions pertain to your highest degree as well as any post-graduate clinical training you may have completed (if none, type "none" in the text box). If you do not know the exact graduation date, please make your best estimate.

Project Classification Pages.

- 1. <u>Medically Underserved Populations Page</u> Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate whether the proposal addresses a medically underserved population in Delaware. If "yes", then indicate which population(s) apply.
- 2. <u>Medically Underserved Areas Page</u> Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate whether the proposal addresses a medically underserved area/region in Delaware. If "yes", then indicate which area(s) apply.
- 3. <u>Translational Spectrum Classification Page</u> Select the most appropriate region(s) of the translational spectrum addressed by the proposed project. If you are uncertain whether one of the categories applies to you, please click on the box in the upper right, "Translational Science Spectrum Classification" to

read some more detailed information.

4. <u>Health Conditions and Risk Factors Page</u> Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if the proposed project addresses any of the health conditions, risks factors, or areas of healthcare focus listed. If "yes", then select all that apply below.

Budget Page.

Indicate the requested amount of budgetary support in the text box provided. Budgets are capped at \$100,000. Information required for the detailed budget is provided below.

Team Members Page.

- 1. <u>PI</u> Your name as the submitting PI will be automatically populated and assigned the role of PI.
- 2. <u>Multiple PIs</u> Select 'yes' to indicate this project involves multiple PIs (MPIs). Selecting 'yes' will trigger the button "Add New PI" to appear in the top right corner. Click "Add New PI" and provide the









additional (second) PI's information and biosketch. Also provide the additional PI's career stage and prior NIH funding status (see descriptions above). Please note, the PI completing the application in the Dashboard will be considered the contact PI to whom all correspondence will be addressed.

- 3. <u>Add New Team Member</u> Click this button to add all other team members. Additional team members may include co-investigators (CIs), consultants, mentors, and/or community / clinical partners, if appropriate.
- 4. <u>Biosketches</u> Biographical sketches are required for most team members: a biosketch is required for all PIs, co-investigators, and collaborators; a biosketch is optional for community or clinical partners. All co-investigators and collaborators named as team members should also be listed on the Project Summary Page (see below) and vice-versa. If a community / clinical partner has provided a biosketch, they should also be listed on the Project Summary Page. Do not upload the PI's biosketch here; that will be done in a later section. See details below for information on how to complete Biographical Sketches.

ORCID Setup Page.

If you have not yet setup your ORCID account and linked it to ACCEL, you will be instructed to do so here.

Files Page.

- 1. <u>Human Subjects</u> Click "Yes" or "No" in response to the question, "Does this project involve human subjects?" If you select "Yes", you will be required to submit the Human Subjects Forms (see below). If your project involves human subjects, please also answer the following question: "Based on your answers to section 1.4 (Clinical Trials Questionnaire) on the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form, does this study meet the definition of a Clinical Trial (i.e. all answers to 1.4.a-1.4.d on the questionnaire are "Yes")?"
- 2. <u>Vertebrate Animals</u> Click "Yes" or "No" in response to the question, "Does this project involve vertebrate animals?" If you select "Yes", you will be required to submit the Vertebrate Animals Forms (see below).
- 3. <u>Supporting Files</u>

Upload all the completed project forms in the appropriate locations. Recall that forms should be created using <u>PHS 398 fillable forms</u>. Documents must be written with Arial 11 pt font. Pages are to be standard letter size $(8\frac{1}{2} \times 11^{\circ})$ with at least one-half inch margins. Documents should be converted to PDF format for submission.

• Face Page – required

Upload the completed Title Page/Face Page for each budget period (<u>Form Page 1</u>). Upload as one concatenated pdf.

• Project Summary Page – required

Upload the completed Summary, Relevance, Project/Performance Sites, Senior/Key Personnel, Other Significant Contributors, and Human Embryonic Stem Cells Page (<u>Form Page 2</u>). The <u>Project/Performance Site Format Page</u> may be appended to this and submitted as a single PDF if additional space is needed.

• **Detailed Budget** – required

Upload the completed Detailed Budget page for each Budget period (<u>Form Page 4</u>). Three budgets totaling \$100K in direct costs are required to be uploaded since the 24 month project will span 3 CTR award years. Please be realistic with expenditures since carry over is not allowed. Upload separate budgets for the following periods as one concatenated pdf.

Jan 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025 July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 July 1, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026

• **Budget Justification** – required









A detailed budget justification must be provided. There is no specific form, but the NIH required format must be followed. A link the University of Delaware's template is <u>here</u>. You may upload one Budget Justification pdf describing all budget periods, as long as the justification is clear as to where an expense sits within what budget period.

• Biographical Sketch(es) – required

Upload the completed NIH formatted Biographical Sketch, using the <u>Biographical Sketch Format</u> <u>Pages</u>, not to exceed 5 pages per person, for each of the following personnel:

- PIs required
- Other Key Personnel *if applicable*Biosketches must be provided for every person identified on Form Page 2 and will be uploaded on
 the Team Members page of the application submission site.
 Detailed instructions for completing a NIH biosketch may be found <u>here</u> and a sample biosketch
 may be found <u>here</u>.

• **Prior IDeA award(s)** – required

Identification of all prior IDeA funding, and the successes from those funds, must be provided for each PI. Here, prior IDeA funding refers to any research support from a CTR, INBRE, COBRE or the DHSA program. This form should identify each prior funding mechanism and provide a brief description of the progress made on that prior work, especially any successes leveraging those funds to gain independent external support. *PIs who have not had prior IDeA support must still upload a page with a statement verifying that they have had no prior IDeA funding*. Use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> for this document; 1 page maximum.

• Specific Aims – required

List succinctly each of the specific objectives of the research proposed. State concisely the overall goals of the proposed research, and summarize the expected impact that the results will have in the relevant research field. Use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> for this document; 1 page maximum.

• Research Strategy – required

The Research Strategy should be organized into four sections entitled Significance, Innovation, Approach, and Community Engagement. Use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> for this document; 4 pages maximum. Although each section does not have its own page limit, it is recommended that the Approach section be the most detailed. A general guideline (but not requirement) for the page length of each section is: Significance, ¹/₂-1 p; Innovation, ¹/₄-¹/₂ p; Approach, 2-3 p; Community Engagement, ¹/₈-¹/₂ p. Within the Approach section, a statistical analysis subsection is required. Within the Community Engagement section, applicants must include, at a minimum, a description of the anticipated impact of the proposal on the target community and a plan to disseminate the research findings to the community.

• **References** – required

All works cited in the application should be listed in a separate document entitled References (no page limit). Use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> for this document; no page limit. In-text references should be provided either by author last name and year or by number in the body of the application and the References section should provide a listing of the complete citation for each of these works. <u>Hot links</u> <u>are not acceptable</u> within the references.

• INC Funding Justification

This 1page document should address the interdisciplinary nature of the new collaboration and how the work spans the translational spectrum. Applicants must describe the nature and potential impact of proposed new interdisciplinary and translational project, as well as environmental support from the institutions involved. Investigators must also include a Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (PEDP). Examples include: partnerships that enhance geographic and regional heterogeneity; teams composed of researchers at different career stages; participation of individuals from diverse









backgrounds, such as those from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, those with disabilities, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds, and women (click <u>here</u> for description); engagement from different types of institutions/organizations (e.g., research-intensive, undergraduate-focused, minority-serving community based). Use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> for this document; 1 page limit.

• Multiple PI (MPI) Leadership Plan – required

Since the proposal involves more than 1 PI, a leadership plan must be included that addresses: roles and responsibilities of each PI, fiscal and project management coordination, the process for making decisions on scientific direction and allocation of resources, data sharing and communication among investigators, publication and intellectual property (if needed) policies, and procedures for resolving conflicts. The plan must also identify the submitting PI as the contact PI, and acknowledge that person's role in disseminating all correspondence from the ACCEL CTR to the other PIs. Use <u>Continuation</u> Format Pages for this document; no page limit.

• Human Subjects Forms – if applicable

If the proposal involves the use of human subjects, upload the completed **PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form, with embedded Human Subject Study Record Form(s)**, as appropriate. Links to the form can be found either <u>here</u> (scroll towards the bottom of the list) or <u>here</u> (look for HHS forms about half way down). Please note, depending on the type of human subjects research being proposed (i.e., if the work includes one or more NIH-defined clinical trials), each Study Record form may require extensive and detailed information, therefore <u>PIs should allocate appropriate</u> <u>time to complete these forms prior to the deadline</u>. Instructions for completing these forms may be found <u>here</u>.

• Vertebrate Animals Forms – *if applicable*

If the proposal involves the use of vertebrate animals, please utilize the vertebrate animals use checklist and use <u>Continuation Format Pages</u> to upload a description of the procedures, justification, and minimization of pain and distress.

• Letter(s) of Support – required

Letters of support should be on institutional letterhead and may not exceed 2 pages per letter.

PI's Department/Unit Head – required for each PI

This letter should provide an assessment of the PI's potential for a sustained, impactful influence in his/her relevant research field and to be recognized for such with future NIH funding; a description of how the PI's research and new team fits within the clinical and translational mission of the Delaware CTR-ACCEL Program; and a description of the departmental and/or institutional support for the PI with regard to the specific proposal (e.g., protected research time, laboratory space, access to clinical populations, etc.).

 \circ Others – *if applicable*

Other letters of support may be appropriate, to demonstrate the availability of specific resources and/or collaborators/co-investigators, and/or clinical/community partners for the project. If multiple letters of support are included, they should be appended to one another and submitted as a single PDF.

Sources Page.

Select all categories of events or processes that led to the proposed work, if any.

Tracking/EVAL Page.

Click "Yes" or "No" in response to a brief series of questions about your current or anticipated utilization of ACCEL Core resources.

Summary Page.

Check to be sure all sections have been completed and all documents have been appropriately uploaded.









Make any file edits necessary. When complete, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of page.

***Remember to adhere to page and formatting requirements and to upload all necessary documents. Applications that are incomplete or not in compliance with the formatting requirements will be administratively withdrawn without review. ***







