

## Message from the Director

**Preparing for the next CTSA application; a note from the ICTS Director, Dan M. Cooper**

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To the ICTS Family of Clinical Researchers, Clinicians, Learners, Staff, and Community Partners

We are entering an exciting time for the UCI ICTS. Now in our third year of the current 5-year funding cycle, we have formally begun the process of strategic planning for the next CTSA renewal. We will be competing for a new grant under a completely revised CTSA FOA (Funding Opportunity Announcement), one that was released by NIH in the past month! While planning the new grant will be challenging, the good news is that the next CTSA will be a 7-year grant with new opportunities to fund training and the broad spectrum of clinical translational research activities. Our application will be due in May of 2023. It is not that far away, especially considering the planning required to produce an exceptional application in what will surely be a competitive field.

We believe that the activities of the UCI ICTS position us very well to produce a highly competitive application that resonates with all of the reconfigured goals and objectives presented in the new FOA. We are going to need everyone's help in ensuring that UCI continues its record of uninterrupted NIH funding for clinical research that began in 1999 with our first NIH-GCRC (General Clinical Research Center) application! We look forward to working with our exceptional ICTS team, UCI faculty, staff, learners, and community partners in this exciting endeavor.

Best wishes,  
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