2026 CCTSI PEET Grant Program Overview

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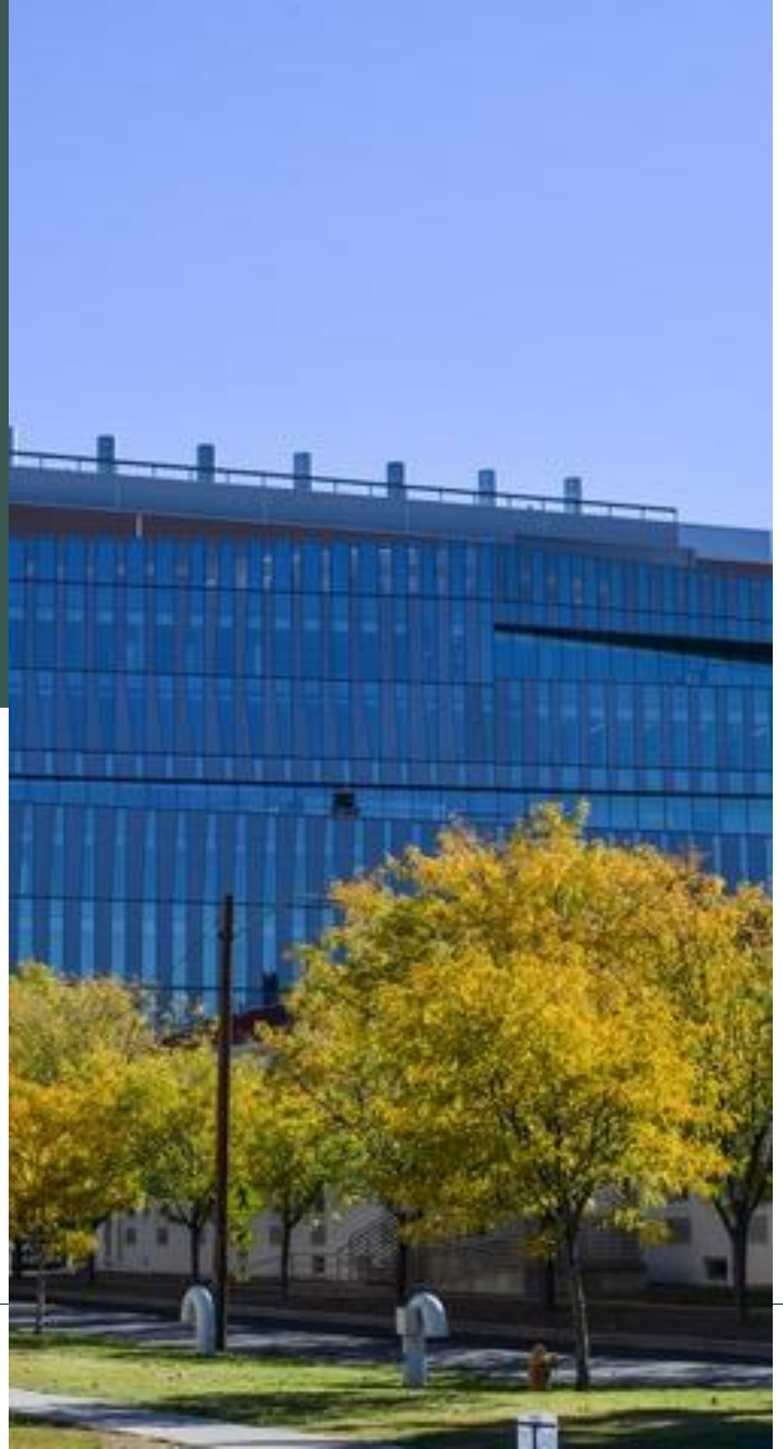
2026 PEET Grant Cycle Timeline

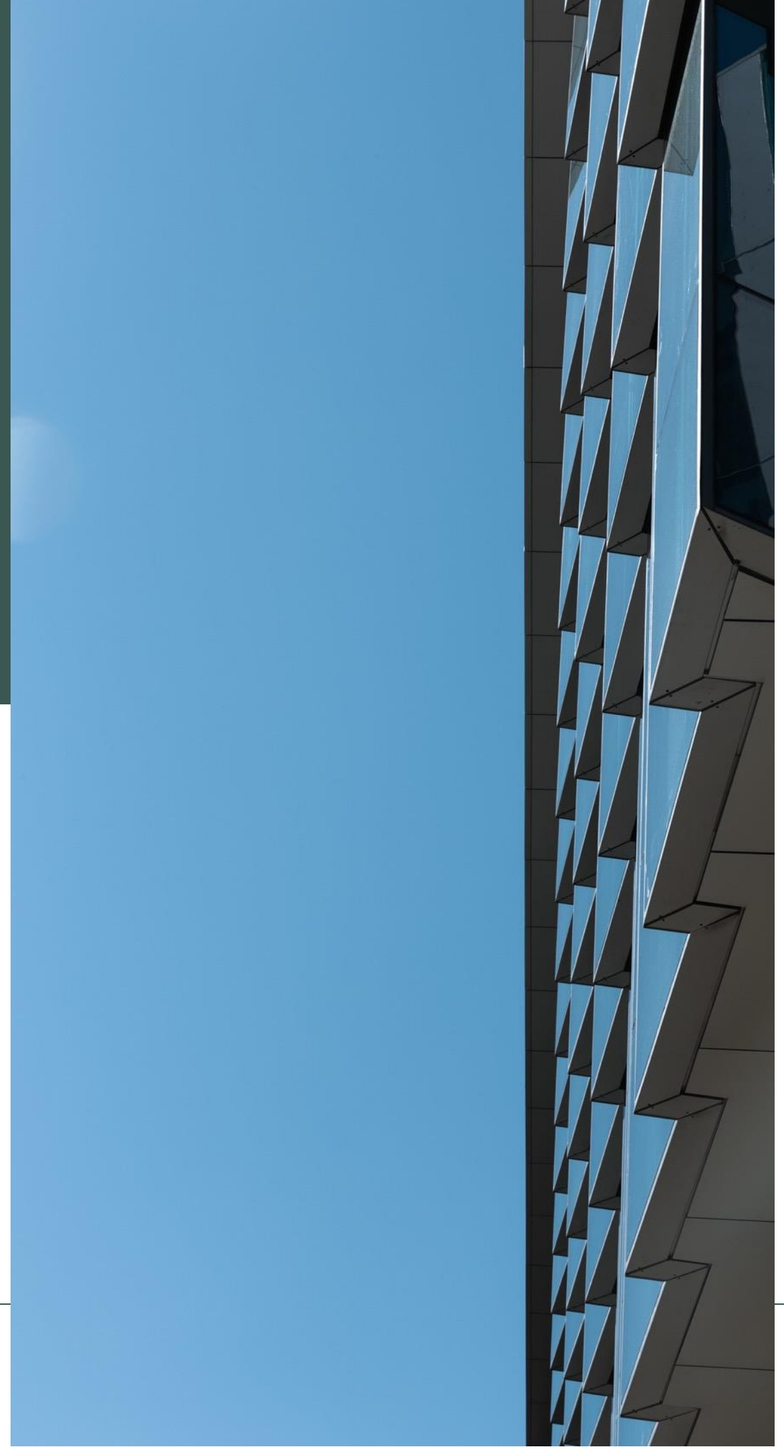
Funding Step	Timeline
RFA announcement	*11/17/2025*
Informational call #1	*12/10/2025 at 8:30am MT*
Letter of intent due	*12/16/2025 by 11:59pm MT*
Invitation to submit full proposal	*12/19/2025*
Informational call #2	01/12/2026 at 2:00pm MT
Application due date	02/09/2026 by 11:59pm MT
Review	Feb to May 2026
Notice of award	Mid to Late June 2026
2026 award cycle	08/01/2026-07/31/2028

PEET Review Criteria

CCTSI PEET review panel will use the following criteria to evaluate proposed projects to see if they meet **demonstration project minimum requirements**:

1. Meets definition of a pragmatic-EHR embedded trial
2. Pragmatic clinical trial of interventions that are expected to impact patient health outcomes, with patient health outcomes assessed as either primary or secondary outcome measures
3. Not currently funded or underway
4. Conducted within UCHealth
5. Likely to be completed within 2 years of funding





PEET Review Criteria: Novel EHR Integration Features

CCTSI PEET review panel will evaluate potential for demonstration of novel **EHR integration features**:

1. Cohort identification
2. Recruitment
3. E-consent
4. Randomization/group assignment
5. Intervention delivery (including connection to external tools/resources)
6. Real-time dashboards
7. Final data collection based on data commonly available in the EHR
8. Patient/participant-reported outcomes
9. Other (please specify)

PEET Review Criteria

Innovation

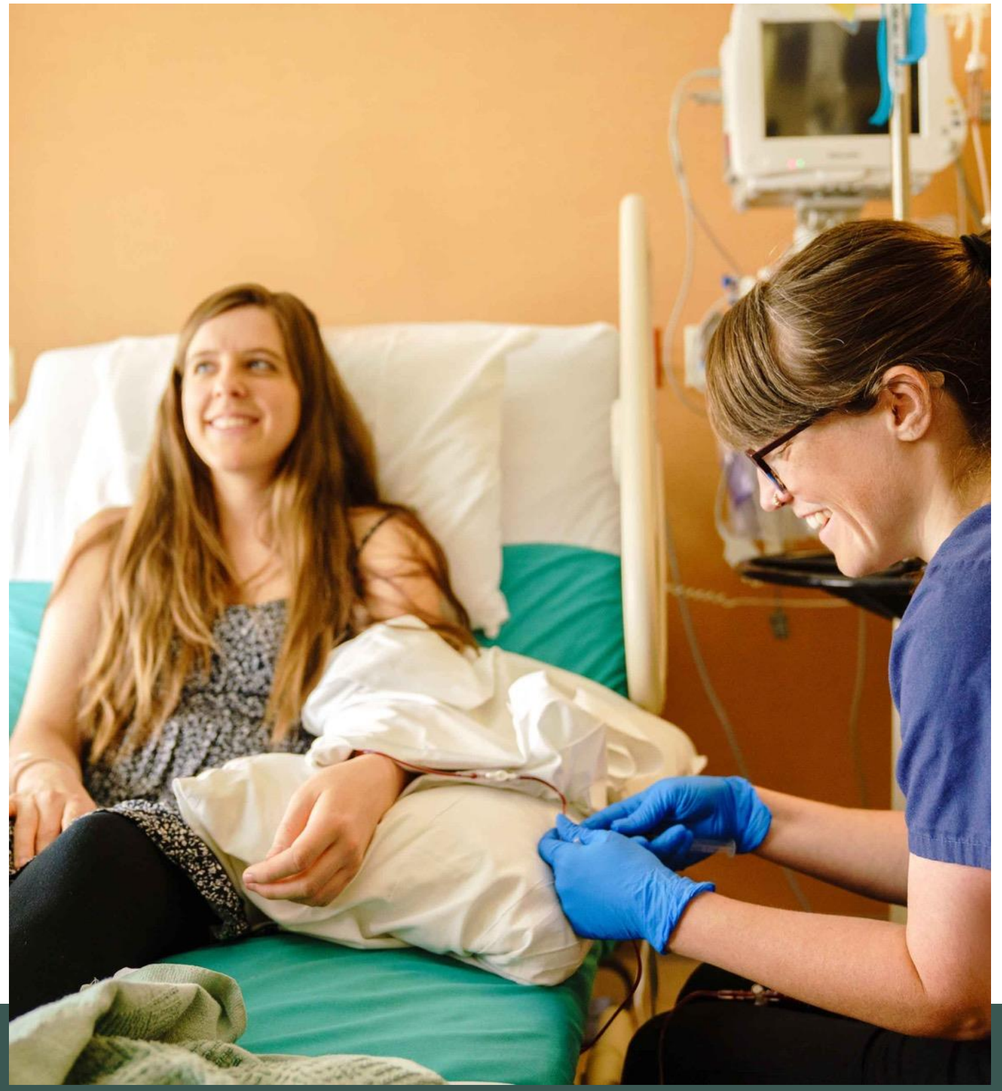
Builds upon the existing evidence in an innovative way; enables innovative approaches an/or infrastructure for the PEET program.

Rigor

Study design, methods, measures, data collection, and analysis are likely to lead to valid and generalizable conclusions. Includes UCHealth EHR integration feasibility considerations, including LOS from clinical and community partners.

Impact

Investigator(s) have demonstrated background, training, and expertise, appropriate for their career stage, to conduct the proposed work; institutional resources are appropriate to ensure the successful execution of proposed work.



Review Criteria for PEET Grant

CCTSI PEET review panel will use the following criteria to evaluate proposed projects to see if they meet **PEET specific requirements**:

1. Broad reach/potential for impact across UCHealth regions
2. Ease of cohort identification
3. Experiences/engaged principal investigator and program manager (both of whom can commit substantive effort to the project)

Tips for Success

Please make sure that your application includes all scientific sections:

- ABSTRACT: Strict 250 words
  - State clearly the scientific problem, your working hypothesis, the proposed methods, and the expected results.
- SPECIFIC AIMS: ½ page
  - Usually 3 specific aims,
  - Please do NOT copy and paste specific aims from a larger applications (such as an R01).
- SIGNIFICANCE, AND INNOVATION: 1 and ½ pages
  - Describe the status and existing scientific knowledge on the research topic,
  - Explain the importance of the program and barriers to the progress as well as potential impact of your own project. Community and patient input on significance may be reflected here,
  - Indicate how this project will be innovative, including at least one innovation related to the conduct of pragmatic, EHR-embedded trials.

Tips for Success

Please make sure that your application includes all scientific sections:

- APPROACH: 4 pages
  - Preliminary Work (describing any community engagement and/or clinical partner engagement to establish buy-in and identify research priorities and patient-centered outcomes),
  - Research Question(s) and Hypotheses,
  - Pragmatic Trial Design (noting features consistent with pragmatic trial),
  - Don’t forget (1) setting and population, (2) intervention(s) and implementation Strategy(ies), (3) outcomes, measures, data sources, and data analysis, (4) feasibility, (5) timeline, (6) Epic EHR integration components, and (7) potential for broad UCHealth impact, (8) patient-centeredness and community engagement, and (9) overlap statement

PRECIS-2

- **P**ragmatic **E**xplanatory **C**ontinuum **I**ndicator **S**ummary-2

- Helps researchers understand trial design and where their design is on the pragmatic/explanatory continuum

- When aiming to take a pragmatic approach, answering the question: “Does this intervention work under usual conditions?”

- PRECIS-2 Likert Scale (out of 5)
  - 1 = Very Explanatory
  - 2 = Rather Explanatory
  - 3 = Equally Pragmatic/Explanatory
  - 4 = Rather Pragmatic
  - 5 = Very Pragmatic

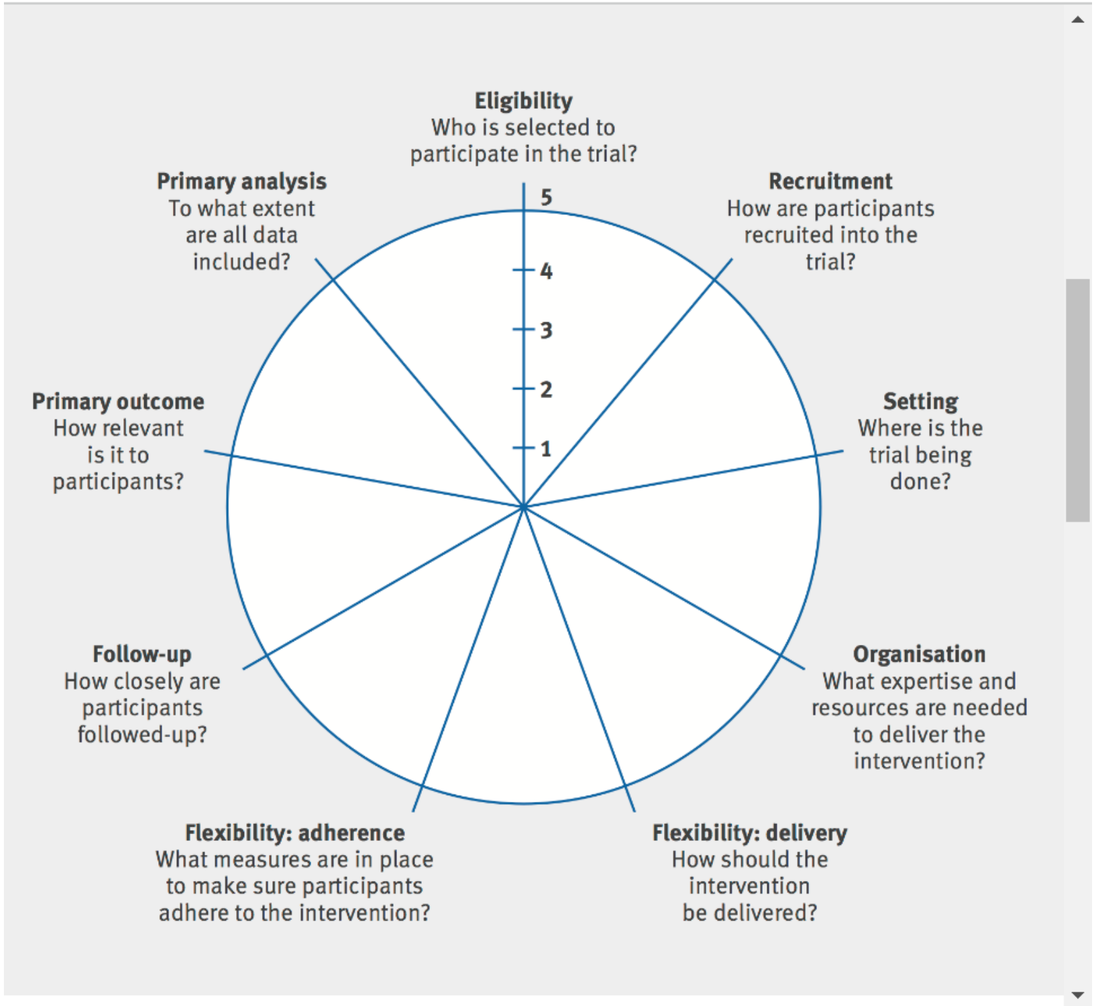


Figure: The PRagmatic-Explanatory Continuum Indicator Summary 2 (PRECIS-2) wheel.
Adapted from BMJ 2015;350:h2147

Application Process

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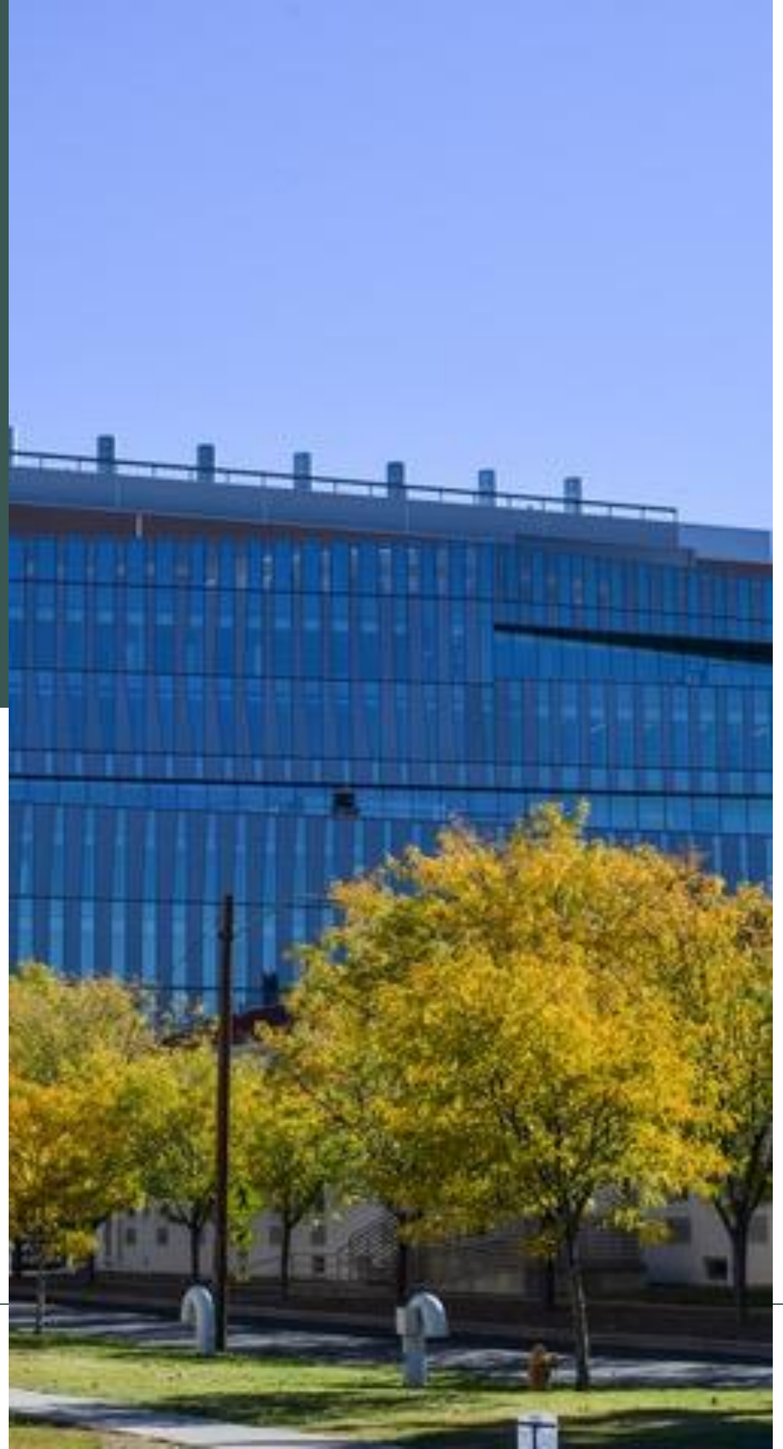

How to Apply

- **You were sent an email with a REDCap link to your application from the PEET team**

Application Checklist

Application Check list (Excel)

Application Checklist

The checklist is for informational purposes only. All applicants must comply with the requirements of the official Request for Funding Applications (RFA) posted on the CCTSI website.

Intent to Apply Form

		PEET Program
1	Certify this project meets RFA eligibility and exclusion criteria	Required
2	Project Title	Required
3	Contact information (name, credentials, faculty rank, CCTSI partnering institution, and department/division): Contact Principal Investigator	Required
4	Contact Information (name, credentials, faculty rank, CCTSI partnering institution, and department/division): Multiple Principal Investigator	Required if an MPI is included
5	A PDF document including the project title, PI name, and concise description of the proposed project that describes the research question and an overview of the study design. Word limit: 300 words.	Required
6	Certify this project meets PEET minimum requirements	Required
7	Certify this project includes EHR integration features	Required

Application Form

1	Confirm all contact information from Intent to Apply Form is accurate. Combine all documenation required in the RFA and combine into a single PDF to upload with your online Application Form.	Required
2	Project Overview (2-3 sentences) List all investigator names, titles, faculty rank, department/division institutions before the project overview	Required
3	Abstract (Firm 250 word limit)	Required
4	Specific Aims (1/2 page)	Required
5	Significance and Intervention (1 and 1/2 pages)	Required
6	Approach (4 page limit), including Preliminary Work; Research Question(s) and Hypotheses; Pragmatic Trial Design; Setting and Population; Intervention(s) and Implementations; Outcomes, Measures, Data Sources, Data Analysis and Analysis; Feasibility; Timeline; Epic EHR Integation Components; Potential for Broad UCHealth Impact; Patient-Centeredness and Community Engagement; Overlap Statement	Required
7	References (no page limit)	Required
8	PI, Project Team and Partners (1 page limit)	Required
9	Letters of Support (no page limit)	Required from Clinical Partners
10	Budget (1 page limit, vertical aligment only) Please use the CCTSI PEET budget template (available on the CCTSI PEET website)	Required
11	Budget Justification (no page limit)	Required
12	Biosketches (can be in either traditional biosketch format or the new SciENcv format), 5-page limit per person listed as key personnel)	Required

Budget

$180k ($90k per year) in direct costs available to the project team.

The PEET Program provides additional centralized infrastructure support with a fixed value of $120,000 in direct costs over the 2-year period. This support includes Epic builders and analysts, Health Data Compass analysts, community engagement, dissemination and implementation science support, grants management and PEET team support for project coordination with UCHealth. **You are not responsible for determining the cost of the Epic build or any other centralized infrastructure cost. Do not submit a budget for these funds.**

$300k in total support in direct costs

Duration: 2 years

Major Goals: To demonstrate conduct of PEET-style projects in partnership with UCHealth and develop governance and user guidance materials for others conducting these types of trials

All PEET awards are contingent upon funding made available to the CCTSI from National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS)/National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Budget

Applicants should customize these categories

CCTSI PEET Grant Award Budget

Budget and Active Award Period: August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2028

CATEGORY & ITEM(S)	*Indicate Budget for Each Location*					Total Amount
	CU AMC	CSU	CU Boulder	CHCO	Other Institution (Specify Location)	
Key Personnel Salary & Fringe Benefits						$ -
Other Personnel						$ -
Fee for Service (including Core Services)						$ -
Supplies						$ -
Equipment						$ -
Participant Incentives						$ -
Meetings & Travel (Costs are permitted for attendance at one scientific conference)						$ -
Other						$ -

Budget Template (Excel)

Applicants should fill out this form

PRECIS-2

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Template developed by Sarah Brewer, 2019, 2025.

Domain	*PI [Name]*	*Co-I [Name]*	*Co-I [Name]*	*Co-I [Name]*	*Co-I [Name]*	*Other Site PI Co-I [Name]*	Average Score (calculated from columns B-G)	Consensus Score (enter after discussion)
Eligibility	5						5.0	4.0
Recruitment	5						5.0	5.0
Setting	4						4.0	3.0
Organization	4						4.0	5.0
Flexibility Delivery	5						5.0	3.0
Flexibility Adherence	3						3.0	5.0
Follow-Up	4						4.0	3.0
Primary Outcome	5						5.0	5.0
Primary Analysis	5						5.0	3.0
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Reasons for scores

[Scorer Name]	Below describe the factors that influenced your scoring and justify the score you gave in the table to the right. Use these reasons in team discussions to develop Consensus Scores (coumn I) as a team.
Eligibility	
Recruitment	
Setting	
Organization	
Flexibility Delivery	
Flexibility Adherence	
Follow-Up	
Primary Outcome	
Primary Analysis	

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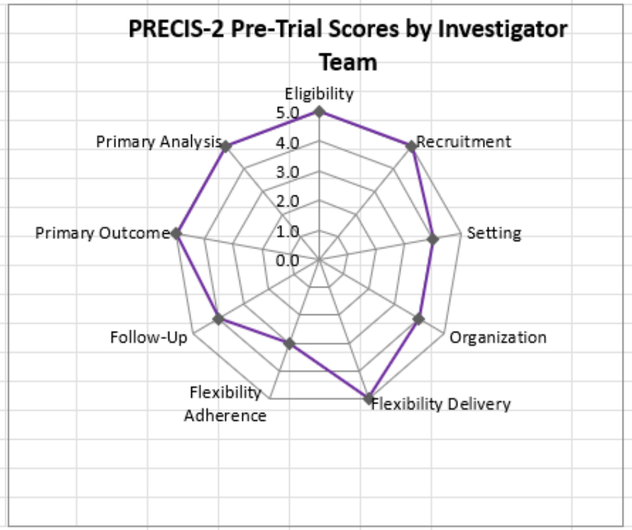

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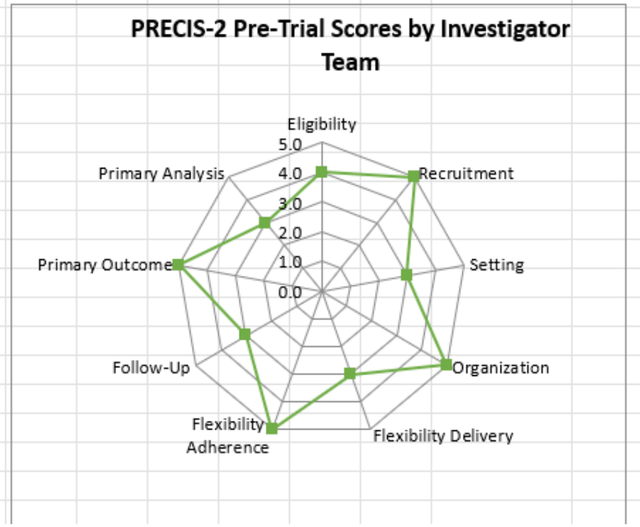
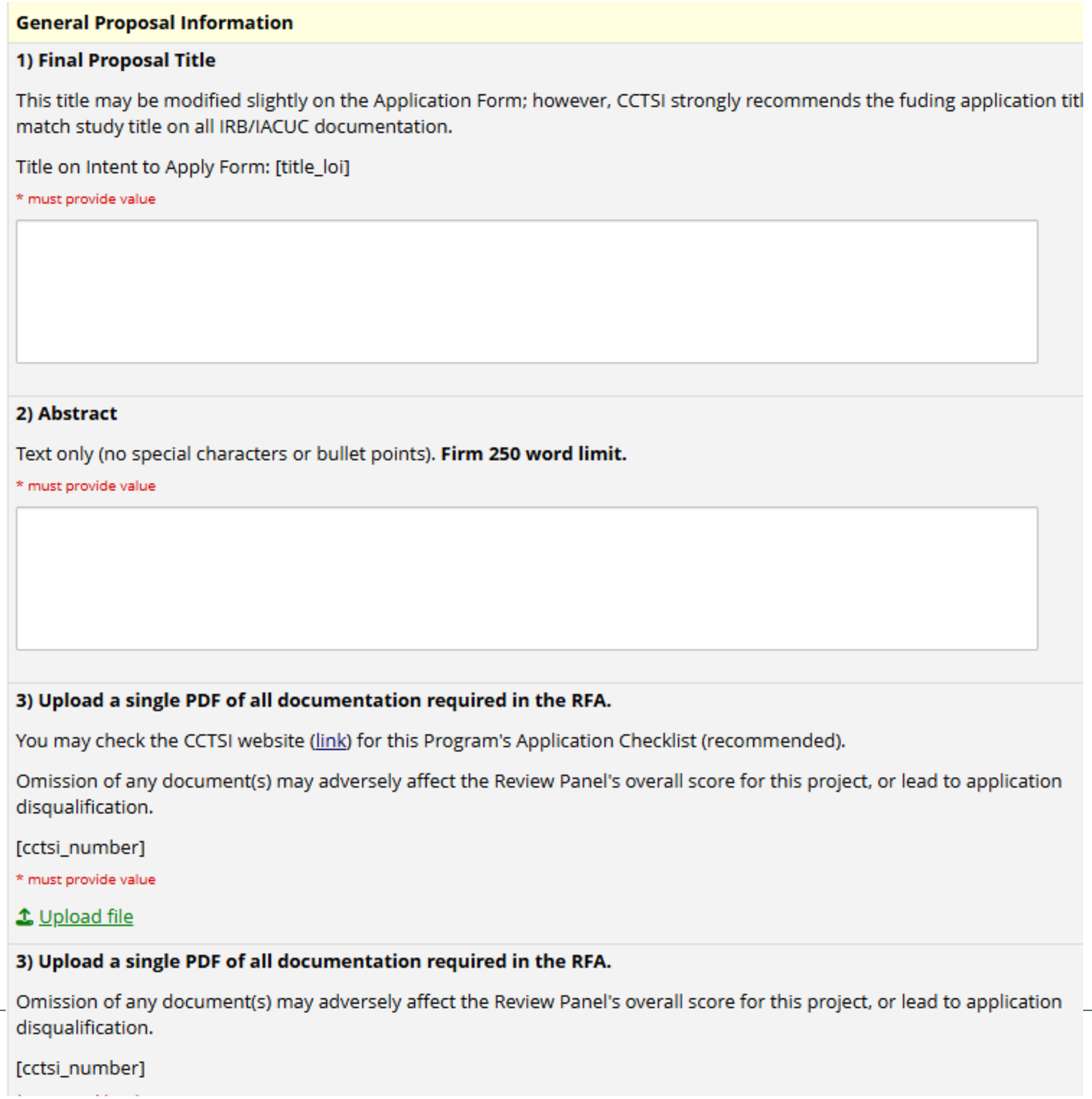


PRECIS-2 Template (Excel)

You can click “Save and Return Later” if you need more time to complete this form. You can email yourself a unique link to this partially completed form.

Only click “Submit” when you are done and have no additional edits. Once you hit “Submit”, the application is final. Make sure you hit “Submit” before the deadline!



General Proposal Information

1) Final Proposal Title

This title may be modified slightly on the Application Form; however, CCTSI strongly recommends the fuding application titl
match study title on all IRB/IACUC documentation.

Title on Intent to Apply Form: [title_loi]

* must provide value

2) Abstract

Text only (no special characters or bullet points). **Firm 250 word limit.**

* must provide value

3) Upload a single PDF of all documentation required in the RFA.

You may check the CCTSI website (link) for this Program's Application Checklist (recommended).

Omission of any document(s) may adversely affect the Review Panel's overall score for this project, or lead to application disqualification.

[cctsi_number]

* must provide value

Upload file

3) Upload a single PDF of all documentation required in the RFA.

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Questions

1. Budget
    a. How much of the PEET centralized budget cover Epic analyst/build time?
    b. How much of the PEET centralized budget cover HDC data pulls?
2. Project Manager
    a. Does a project manager need to have EHR specific experience?
3. Biosketch Format
    a. Would you like the previous version of NIH biosketches or the new SciENCV form?
4. Institutional Letters of Support
    1. What type of institutional support letter is the committee looking for (letter from LBR or Jean Kutner or COGG)?

Questions?

Email

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CCTSI PEET Grant Award Eligibility

- CCTSI Members
- Principal Investigators (PI) must be a full time (≥ 0.5 FTE) at a CCTSI partnering institution and Associate Professors or above with an established record of obtaining research funding awards as a PI.
- There can be up to one additional multiple principal investigator (MPI), who must be at least at the Assistant Professor level.
- We encourages applications from all individuals including those historically underrepresented in biomedical research.

Partnering Institutions
CU Anschutz Medical Campus
CU Boulder
CU Denver
Colorado State University
University of Colorado Hospital
Children's Hospital Colorado
VA Eastern CO Health Care System
Kaiser Permanente Colorado

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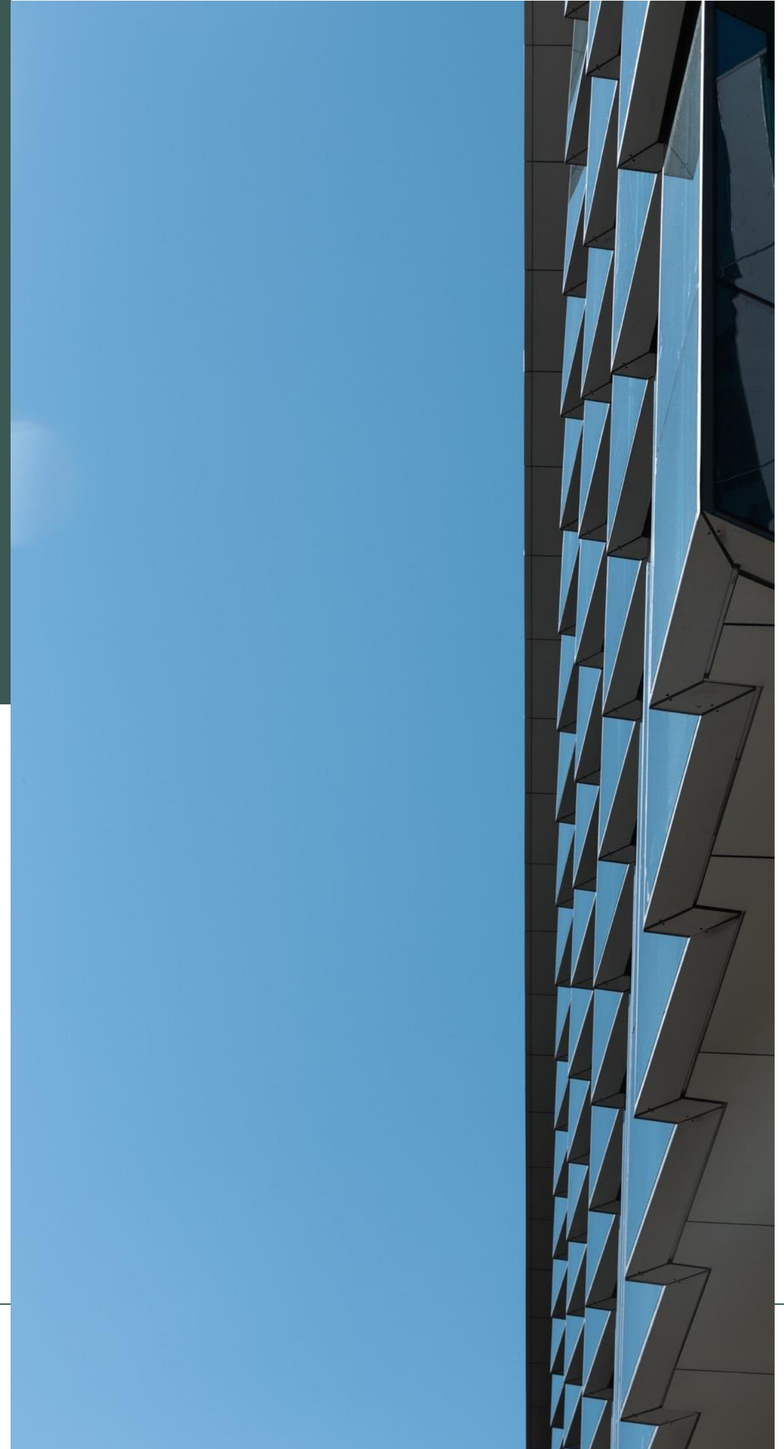
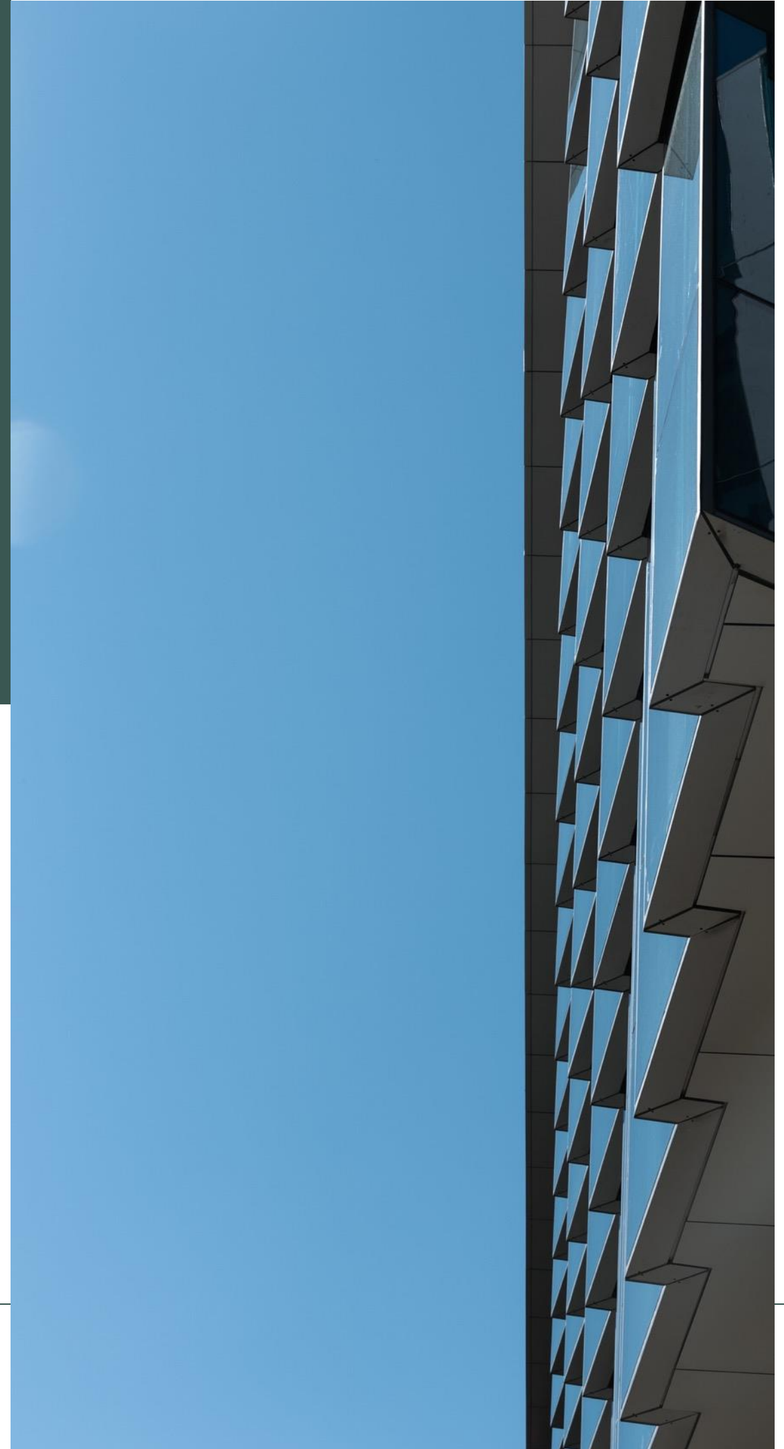


Restrictions

- The project cannot be currently funded or underway.
- All applications should have unique and distinct specific aims from any ongoing projects by the PIs.
- If you are proposing a drug or device trial, applications are restricted to Phase II. Phase III or Phase IV drug or device trials will not be supported.



Exclusions

- CCTSI PEET awards may not be used to support research conducted outside of the United States.
- Individuals who have been PI/MPI on previously funded PEET awards are not eligible to apply as PI/MPI on additional PEET awards.
- Applications proposing to continue the work of previously funded CCTSI PEET projects are not allowed.