



**Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
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About the Coalition

The Association for Clinical and Translational Science, the Clinical Research Forum, the CTSA PIs, and the related stakeholder community work together through the Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) to speak out with a unified voice on behalf of the clinical and translational research community. CCTS is a nationwide, grassroots network of dedicated individuals who seek to educate Congress and the administration about the value and importance of clinical and translational research, and research training and career development activities. Our goals are to ensure that the full spectrum of medical research is adequately funded, the next generation of researchers is well-prepared, and the regulatory and public policy environment facilitates ongoing expansion and advancement of the field of clinical and translational science.

About the Full Spectrum of Medical Research

CCTS supports the full spectrum of medical research to ensure that breakthroughs in basic science are translated into the innovative therapies and diagnostic tools that improve health and healthcare. The field of clinical and translational science is focused on improving outcomes by modernizing many of the steps from basic science research to clinical trials. Beyond research activities and programs, bolstering training and career development opportunities for young investigators is of critical importance to adequately prepare the next generation of medical researchers and ensure that scientific advancement can continue.

Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Recommendations

- Please provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with at least \$50.9 billion, an increase of \$3.5 billion over FY 2023.
- Please provide the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS) at NIH with at least \$975 million, an increase of \$67 million over FY 2023, including:
 - At least \$664.56 million in dedicated, line-item funding for the flagship Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program, an increase of \$35 million over FY 2023. The CTSA program is central to ongoing efforts to modernize and enhance the full spectrum of medical research at NIH, and annual funding increases provided by bolstering the established CTSA budget line-item are essential to maintaining this progress.
 - At least \$90 million in appropriated funding for the Cures Acceleration Network (CAN), an increase of at least \$20 million over FY 2023.
- Please advance the full spectrum of medical research along with training and career development activities at NIH by providing proportional funding increases for Research Centers in Minority Institutions, Institutional Development Awards, and related programs.
- Please provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with \$11.58 billion, an increase of \$2.37 billion over FY 2023.
- Please provide the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) with at least \$500 million, an increase of \$126.7 million over FY 2023.