

UT Southwestern CTSA Program

Research Presentation Event for Scholars & Trainees!

Translational Challenge: T1 – T4 Presentations in Lay Language in 3 Minutes

The purpose of this competition is to offer an opportunity to practice and improve skills to effectively communicate complex science and increase confidence in interacting with a non-scientific audience regarding research. In addition, the event represents a favorable occasion for investigators to connect and get valuable feedback from community stakeholders, potential mentors or collaborators.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Due no later than May 7, 2025

The UTSW CTSA Program is now accepting applications for the “T1-T4 in 3 Minutes” competition. This contest calls for participants to present/translate their scientific research project in **3 minutes or less** using layman language and **one** power point slide. The event is open to scholars and trainees. This competition will provide a unique opportunity and challenge for early investigators to present their research in a way a broad audience will understand.

Applicants are required to submit an application, one PP side and an abstract written in lay language (non-scientific, easy to understand) to:

CTSAProgram@UTSouthwestern.edu

Selected abstracts will compete in a 3-minute Oral Presentation which will be held at **2-4 PM on Monday, May 19, 2025**. Presentations will be judged by a panel comprised of investigators and lay community members.

The top four presenters chosen will receive awards: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place, \$200 and 4th Place \$100, and will **represent UTSW at the “T1-T4 in 3 Minutes” competition** taking place at the **Summer 2025 Texas Regional CTSA Consortium (TRCC) meeting** on Thursday, June 12, 2025 on the campus of UTHSC-San Antonio. The 2025 Annual TRCC meeting hosted by UTHSC-San Antonio will bring together other Texas regional CTSA hub institutions: UTMB-Galveston, UTHSC- Houston and UT Southwestern.

Important dates:

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Notification of selected abstracts: Friday, May 9, 2025

T1-T4 in 3 Minutes competition day: 2-4 PM, Monday May 19, 2025

Summer 2024 TRCC meeting when winners will represent UTSW: Thursday June 12, 2025

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Application for the UTSW Translational Challenge: T1 – T4 Presentations

Must be a UTSW/TAMU or CTSA Program Partner scholar, trainee, student or early career researcher to apply. Please download this application package, rename using your last name and complete the following:

Name and Credentials:

Email:

Department:

Title of Project:

Your Research Project is Best Described as (choose one)

____ T1: Preclinical research connects the basic science of disease with human medicine. During this stage, scientists develop model interventions to further understand the basis of a disease or disorder and find ways to treat it. Testing is carried out using cell or animal models of disease; samples of human or animal tissues; or computer-assisted simulations of drug, device or diagnostic interactions within living systems.

____ T2: Clinical research includes studies to better understand a disease in humans and relate this knowledge to findings in cell or animal models; testing and refinement of new technologies in people; testing of interventions for safety and effectiveness in those with or without disease; behavioral and observational studies; and outcomes and health services research. The goal of many clinical trials is to obtain data to support regulatory approval for an intervention.

____ T3: Clinical implementation involves the adoption of interventions that have been demonstrated to be useful in a research environment into routine clinical care for the general population. This stage also includes implementation research to evaluate the results of clinical trials and to identify new clinical questions and gaps in care.

____ T4: Public health includes studying health outcomes at the population level to determine the effects of diseases and efforts to prevent, diagnose and treat them. Findings help guide scientists working to assess the effects of current interventions and to develop new ones.

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