



FRONTIERS
CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL
SCIENCE INSTITUTE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



Frontiers CTSI – Associate Director

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute has an immediate opening for an Associate Director (AD) to join its leadership team. Faculty members at all Frontiers partner institutions listed above are encouraged to apply.

About Frontiers

Supported by a five-year, \$27 million grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, Frontiers is part of a nationwide network of medical research institutions working to speed the research process from scientific discovery to patient care. Frontiers supports the spectrum of translational research, from animal health studies to community-based and population health outcomes research.

The goals of Frontiers are to train a diverse workforce; listen to, learn from and partner with regional stakeholders; and pursue health equity across the lifespan for underserved and excluded populations—including those in the rural communities.

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Partner Institutions

Frontiers has been a catalyst for bringing together translational science investigators from diverse disciplines and key stakeholders throughout western Missouri and across the state of Kansas. Frontiers' institutional partners include: Children's Mercy Kansas City; the Saint Luke's Health System; University of Missouri-Kansas City; Kansas City University; Kansas State University; and the University of Kansas.

Position Description

We seek an AD who will be excited to help Frontiers align several academic institutions and healthcare systems so we can provide exceptional resources and services to investigators that will allow them to deliver the best health outcomes in the region. Additionally, contributing to efforts that bring cutting edge products of clinical and translational to our region and the forefront of clinical and translational research.

This Associate Director (AD) will work directly with and report to the Frontiers co-PIs (Mario Castro, MD, MPH, and Steve Leeder, PharmD, PhD) for all Frontiers duties and responsibilities.

The ideal candidate has long-term commitments to:

- T3-4 clinical and translational research

- Supporting the professional development of researchers and research staff in T3-4 research
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion in the research workforce
- Collaborating with communities to identify and address health disparities

The AD will also complement the strengths, skills, and experience of the other current AD, William Brooks, PhD. Frontiers ADs serve on the Frontiers Leadership team to establish overall direction of the program and to implement new opportunities to support clinical and translational research. Although they are expected to collaborate on specific projects, they are individually responsible for different portions of the Frontiers portfolio.

Position Responsibilities and Duties:

Administrative

- Serve a key role in developing and implementing Frontiers strategy
- Serve a key role in conceptualizing and organizing funding renewals
- Serve a leadership role in the annual External Advisory Committee (EAC), annual Research Symposium, and annual reporting including summarizing evaluation information on each component
- Serve as the primary Frontiers leadership contact for multiple cores and/or functions
- Collaborate with the Frontiers Executive Director on annual reports
- Participate in regular Frontiers administrative, core and leadership meetings
- Participate in Operations Group Meetings

Programmatic

- Lead the Frontiers Evaluation and Continuous Improvement efforts
- Guide and advise investigators on best practices for applying for independent grants (e.g., NIH, PCORI) and supplements to the Frontiers parent awards
- Support Collaborative Team Science with an emphasis on encouraging partnerships with community organizations and patients as clinical and translational research team members
- Work with investigators and participants to facilitate focus groups, as appropriate
- Serve as a point of contact for partner institutions and community groups

Preferred Experience, Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Background:

- Doctoral degree in a discipline relevant to clinical and translational science
- Demonstrated leadership skills and networking experience across universities
- Diverse background and experience – social, professional, and scientific
- Experience in community engagement, both within the Frontiers partner institutions (e.g., Children’s Mercy Kansas City, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Kansas City University, University of Missouri-Kansas City), and with the community at large
- High-level understanding of how a Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) functions and its activities
- Expertise in NIH T3 and T4 clinical/translational research

- History of NIH funding and publications in clinical and translational research
- Expertise in evaluation and dissemination
- Ability to bring diverse viewpoints to further clinical and translational research
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong leadership skills in multi-component programs
- Ability to inspire, motivate, and guide clinical and translational research
- Dedicated to building and growing clinical and translational research in the region

The total effort required is a minimum of 3 calendar months per annual year, portioned into various components of the Frontiers grant as appropriate.

How to Apply

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a letter of interest and your biosketch [with an optional letter of support].

If you wish to nominate another candidate, please provide a nominating letter of support and the candidate's biosketch.

All application materials must be emailed to Julius Leary, Frontiers Executive Director (jleary@kumc.edu) by **March 1, 2023**. Candidates will be reviewed by Frontiers leadership and representative stakeholders. **A selection will be made by Monday, March 24, 2021, with an anticipated start date of April 10, 2023.**