

2026-27 Annual CTtP Request for Applications (RFA)

RESEARCH TRACK APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application Deadline: September 1, 2026 (11:59 PM ET)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Welcome! This form is for **research projects** in areas such as:

- Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD)
- Prenatal programming
- Perinatal mental health services research
- Health services innovation in perinatal care
- Other innovative research advancing the perinatal care ecosystem

In addition to the administrative and contextual questions on the portal (included below), you'll need to upload:

1. CV or Résumé (yours and key team members, if applicable)
2. Project Proposal (2 pages max)
3. Brief Project Summary (text field, max 1,500 characters)
4. Video (OPTIONAL, up to 90 seconds)
5. List of References (optional, 1 page max)
6. Budget Narrative (optional, 1 page max)

Submit: All documents must be uploaded and form completed by September 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET.

Questions? Email TTP@cumc.columbia.edu or review the FAQ on our website: <https://www.vagelos.columbia.edu/departments-centers/center-transition-parenthood/our-initiatives/funding-opportunity>

SECTION 1: APPLICANT & TEAM INFORMATION

1. Full Name (First & Last)

[Drop-down honorific Dr/Mr/Ms/etc] [Text field First] [Text field Last]

2. Email Address

[Email field]

3. Phone Number

[Phone field]

4. What is your current position/title?

[Dropdown or text field]

- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Assistant Professor / Junior Faculty
- Associate Professor / Faculty
- Senior Faculty / Principal Investigator
- Research Scientist
- Clinician-Researcher
- Other: [specify]

5. Organization/Institution Name *(if applicable)*

[Text field]

6. Department/Division *(if applicable)*

[Text field]

7. Which U.S. State or Territory is your primary institution located in?

[Dropdown with U.S. state/territory list]

SECTION 2: YOUR TEAM

8. Will this project involve a team, or are you working independently?

- Working independently
- Leading a team

9. If working with a team, please list each team member's name, title, institution, and role in the project. (You can list up to 5 people; if larger team, describe key roles):

Name	Title	Institution	Role in Project
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]
[blank]	[blank]	[blank]	[blank]

You can add up to 5 people; if your team is larger, focus on key roles.

SECTION 3: YOUR PROJECT

10. Project Title

[Text field, limit 150 characters]

11. Brief Project Summary *(lay-friendly overview; max 1,500 characters)*

Explain your project in language accessible to people without research expertise. What are you studying? Why does it matter? What's your bottom-line aim or goal?

[Text area, max 1,500 characters with counter]

12. Does your work align with one or more of CTtP's Blueprint Areas?

(Select all that apply; these are optional but helpful for context)

- Leveraging Digital Media and Technology
- Meeting Health Systems' Burnout with Novel Education and Solutions
- Collaborating with Community Perinatal Experts
- Providing Affordable, Accessible Perinatal Mental Health Care
- Creating Patient Support Networks
- Expanding the Role of Fathers and Partners

13. Does your work involve any of these areas? *(Select all that apply; these are optional but helpful for context)*

- Childbirth Education
- Doula Services
- Healthcare
- Lactation Support
- Multilingual Services
- Mental Health

- Midwifery Services
- Parenting Education
- Fathers/Non-Birthing Partners
- LGBTQ+
- Nutrition
- Peer Support Groups
- Community Support
- Tangible Goods and Services
- Digital Media/Tech

SECTION 4: YOUR PROJECT PROPOSAL

14. Upload Your Project Proposal (*2 pages max, single-spaced, 11-point font, 0.5-inch margins*)

Your proposal should include:

- **Research Question/Aim:** What are you studying? What is your specific hypothesis or research question?
- **Significance:** Why does this research matter? How will it advance perinatal science or care?
- **Methods/Approach:** What is your study design? How will you collect data? Is your approach feasible within \$50K?
- **Preliminary Data (if applicable):** Do you have any preliminary findings?
- **Timeline:** How long will the project take?
- **Budget Overview:** Roughly how will you use the \$50K? (More detail optional—see budget narrative section)

Our reviewers are looking for clear, compelling, feasible research. Clarity is more important than exhaustive detail.

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SECTION 5: TEAM EXPERTISE & ENVIRONMENT

15. Please briefly describe your team's expertise relevant to this project. (*1–2 paragraphs*)

Examples: "I have 10 years of experience in perinatal epidemiology and have published X papers in peer-reviewed journals. My collaborator Dr. [X] is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist with clinical expertise in [Y]."

[Text area]

16. What institutional or environmental support exists for this project?

(e.g., institutional review, access to participants or data, mentorship)

[Text area]

SECTION 6: BUDGET & FEASIBILITY

17. Budget Narrative *(Optional but encouraged; 1 page max)*

Briefly explain how you will use the \$50K. Example breakdown:

- Personnel (salary support for RA, biostatistician, etc.): \$X
- Participant incentives or data collection: \$X
- Equipment or supplies: \$X
- Travel for meetings/presentations: \$X
- Indirect costs: \$X

You don't need exact numbers, but giving reviewers a sense of feasibility helps them assess whether your project is achievable at this funding level.

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18. Is your project feasible within \$50K?

- Yes, fully feasible
- Yes, with some adjustments to scope
- Unsure, would appreciate feedback
- No, this project requires more funding

If you selected "with adjustments" or "unsure," briefly explain.

[Text area]

SECTION 7: VIDEO & SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

19. Project Video *(Optional; up to 90 seconds)*

This is optional. A video can help reviewers understand your project, but it is not required. If you choose to submit a video:

- Introduce yourself and your team
- Highlight what makes your research significant or innovative
- Show your work in action if possible
- Be authentic and clear; production quality doesn't matter

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20. List of References *(Optional; 1 page max)*

If you'd like to include scientific references supporting your research area, you can upload a PDF.

[File upload field]

SECTION 8: CV & BACKGROUND

21. Upload Your CV or Résumé

Please upload CVs or résumés for you and/or key team members (1–2 people max):

[File upload field]

22. Have you received funding for perinatal research before?

- Yes, from [funder]: [brief description]
- No, this would be my first perinatal research funding
- I have received general research funding but not specifically in perinatal areas
- Other: [brief description]

SECTION 9: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

23. How did you learn about this funding opportunity?

- LinkedIn
- CTtP Website
- Word of mouth / colleague recommendation
- Email from colleague or institution
- CTtP email / newsletter
- External perinatal health/mental health email/newsletter
 - If external – please provide source
- Other (specify): [text field]

SECTION 10: CONFLICT OF INTEREST & CONTACT INFORMATION

24. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Do you or anyone on your team have a personal or professional relationship with anyone on the CTtP advisory board, working group, or CTtP leadership?

Examples: Spouse, close family member, current collaborator, recent mentee/mentor, shared publication in past 2 years

- No conflicts of interest to disclose
- Yes, please describe: [text area]

If you declare a conflict, we will ensure a reviewer without that conflict evaluates your application.

25. Primary Contact for Questions

Name of person to contact if we have questions about your application:

- Name: [text field]
- Email: [email field]
- Phone: [phone field]

SECTION 11: FINAL SUBMISSION

26. Confirmation

- I have read and agree to the [Applicant Guidelines & FAQ]
- I confirm all information in this application is accurate
- I understand that CTtP may not provide detailed feedback if my application is not selected, but I can reapply next year
- I have uploaded all required documents (CV/Résumé, Project Proposal, Brief Summary, and Video if applicable)

27. Opt-In (optional)

- I opt-in to receive email updates and newsletters from CTtP
- I opt-in for this organization to be included in [CTtP's National Directory](#) of resources (free of charge), if CTtP sees fit
 - **If yes:**
 - **Organization Name**
 - **Brief Description of Organization and Perinatal Resources Offered** (*1-3 lines / 850 characters max / as you'd prefer it to be described in the National Directory*)

28. Final Submission

[Submit Button]

Thank you for applying! You will receive a confirmation email once your application is submitted.

QUESTIONS?

Email: TTP@cumc.columbia.edu

Guidelines & FAQ: <https://www.vagelos.columbia.edu/departments-centers/center-transition-parenthood/our-initiatives/funding-opportunity>

Want to learn more? Join our free **Informational Webinar** (July 20, 2026 at 4pm Eastern Time) for tips on writing a strong application, examples from past awardees, and a Q&A with review panel members. Register for the webinar at the link above.

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