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[Clay Johnston](#), MD, PhD
CTSI Director

Insights and Perspectives from CTSI Leaders

CTSI Director Clay Johnston takes time out for a Q&A to share his thoughts on the big ideas, challenges, and opportunities influencing CTSI, as well as what he likes about his job and trends he's expecting in the translational research realm.

Q: What do you think has been the Institute's biggest accomplishment or contribution so far?

A: I think we've seen a major shift in interest in research at UCSF.

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New CTSI Pilot Awards to Improve Translational Research

"Open Proposal" forum promotes developing ideas together

As part of UCSF's spring [RAP funding](#) cycle, CTSI is offering [new pilot awards](#) (ranging from \$10K to \$100K) to improve the conduct of translational research. What also makes this award unique is that all proposals will be submitted and assessed using an innovative ["Open Proposal" online forum](#).



The forum allows the UCSF community to view and comment on the submitted proposal ideas. CTSI invites you to participate during a 2-week period from February 27-March 12: Submit, review, comment.

- CTSI offers a wide range of additional funds through RAP including the [T1 Translational Catalyst Award](#), [m Health Research Award](#), and more.
- [See all CTSI awards](#) (application deadline Feb 27, 2012)

UCSF Online HUB for Clinical Research Now LIVE

Working in collaboration with CTSI's Clinical Research Services and Virtual Home programs, UCSF has launched a [Clinical Research Resource HUB](#) that includes a wide-range of essential resources and services for investigators, staff, and others. The HUB was designed to leverage existing resources and provide new content where readily accessible resources did not previously exist. [Read more](#) | [Download PDF 40.2 KB](#)

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CTSI Experts Weigh in on Participant Recruitment

In a commentary penned by CTSI's [Deborah Grady](#), [Bill Balke](#), and [Nariman Nasser](#), academic medical researchers are urged to embrace new methods for recruiting participants into clinical trials; published in the November issue of *Academic Medicine*. [Read more](#) | [Download PDF 35.2 KB](#)

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