OVERVIEW
The primary objective of this Translational Roadblock Studies (TRB) RFA is to support new and innovative projects that hold considerable promise to streamline the research pipeline by characterizing and removing barriers to translational research. Applications must address a roadblock that is hindering translation or implementation of a specific line of research or may address broader research methodology issues such as patient recruitment, regulatory processes, patient or community engagement, etc., be potentially scalable and clearly articulated with a potential for future funding. This RFA encourages submitting new and innovative project ideas from existing investigator teams even if it is not a new collaboration or new investigators. However, we place a premium on interdisciplinary team science. Therefore this grant mechanism requires an interdisciplinary collaboration with at least one Co-Investigator/Collaborator from a different discipline.

Potential Topics of Interest Include (but are not limited to):
- Engaging Communities
- Recruitment of Diverse Populations
- Research Focused on Health Disparities
- Developing Novel and Broadly Applicable Dissemination Methods
- Developing a Cohort Database
- Enabling Clinical Research Through Novel EMR Programs

Please Note:
- To expedite the application process, please submit up to a one page proposal to the SCTR Pilot Project Program Office, Dayan Ranwala (ranwala@musc.edu) to determine whether your proposed project qualifies for this TRB grant category
- One page should include:
  - Project Title
  - Principal Investigator (PI’s) Name and Investigator Team Names
  - Key questions to be answered:
    1. What is the translational roadblock to be addressed?
    2. What are the proposed project aims?
- If deemed suitable for a TRB grant, you will be sent the instructions for a full application submission.

AWARD AMOUNT: Up to $25,000 Direct costs for 12 months.
KEY DATES: Proposal submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
Principal Investigator (PI)
- PIs must have a primary faculty appointment at MUSC at the level of Assistant Professor and above. Faculty from other academic institutions are encouraged to partner with MUSC faculty on collaborative applications. Please contact the SCTR SUCCESS Center for assistance with collaborator matching at success@musc.edu or 843-792-8300.
- If a PI is extramurally funded as a K scholar, please submit the aims page of the funded application with the TRB one page proposal.
Examples of types of research that do not qualify for TRB Grants:

- Developing pilot data for a basic science project.
- Cross sectional study of biomarkers for a specific disease.
- Developing a therapy for a specific disease.