

Translational Impact Summit | OVERVIEW

Driving Translational Science Toward Measurable Impact

Sponsored by CTSA Translational Impacts Working Group
March 2 & 3, 2026



Meeting Objectives

1. Highlight the Broader Landscape of Translational Impact

Showcase key collaborations and successful examples of translating science into policy and population health, with insights from other sectors.

2. Equip Attendees with Tools and Strategies to Enhance Impact

Share practical methods to evaluate, communicate, and embed impact using health and economic indicators

3. Strengthen Shared Capacity Across the CTSA Network

Foster collaboration by sharing effective strategies for planning, implementing, and disseminating impact-driven research

Delivery

Format: Virtual, 2-day conference hosted by CCOS

Dates: Monday, March 2, 2026 & Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Eastern time

Participants: All are invited across CTSA hubs and partner organization



Steering Committee

Amelia Bucek, MPH, Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (Co-Chair)

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Day 1: Connecting to the Long Arc of Translational Impact

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Time (EST)	Topic	Presenters
11:00 am	Welcome, Introductions & Objectives	Chair: Emmanuel Tetteh , MD, MPH - Washington University in St. Louis
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Panel: Policy Impact in Action	Moderator: Kristi Holmes , PhD - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Robin Mermelstein , PhD - University of Illinois Chicago Justin Blackburn , PhD - Indiana University Indianapolis Shari Bolen , MD, MPH - Case Western Reserve University at The MetroHealth System
12:00 - 12:30 pm	Working Session I	Moderator: Michelle A. Maclay - NC TraCS Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
12:30 -12:40 pm	Coffee Break & Virtual Posters	
12:40 - 1:10 pm	Fireside Chat: Communities Driving Impact	Moderator: Andrea Molzhon , PhD - Virginia Commonwealth University Lori Carter Edwards , PhD, MPH - Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine James D. Gailliard - Word Tabernacle Church
1:10 - 2:00 pm	The Economic & Commercial Aspects of Impact	Moderator: Kristopher Bough , PhD - NIH NCATS Umut Gurkan , PhD - Case Western Reserve University Maryann Feldman , PhD - Arizona State University Elan Ness-Cohn , PhD - Northwestern University - Querrey InQbation Lab
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Lunch Break & Virtual Posters	
2:30 - 3:10 pm	Lightning Talks: Global & Cross-Sector Perspectives	Moderator: Liz Middleton , PhD - Harvard Medical School Bradley Kramer , PhD - Public Health, Seattle & King County Mark Huffman , MD, MPH - Washington University in St. Louis
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Working session II	Moderator: Emmanuel Tetteh , MD, MPH - Washington University in St. Louis
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Day 2: Building Shared Capacity for Translational Impact

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Time (EST)	Topic	Presenters
11:00 am	Welcome & Objectives	Chair: Amelia Bucek , MPH - Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Talk: Planning for Impact in Element E	Moderator: Amelia Bucek , MPH - Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Rinad Beidas , PhD - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
11:30 am - 12:20 pm	Panel: Multi-CTSA Research	Moderator: Kristi Holmes , PhD - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Clara M. Pelfrey , PhD - Case Western Reserve University Margaret Schneider , PhD - University of California, Irvine Nikki Llewellyn , PhD - Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance, Emory University
12:20 - 12:30 pm	Coffee Break & Virtual Posters	
12:30 - 12:45 pm	Selected Posters Session: Innovative Processes & Impact Assessments Across CTSA Hubs	Moderator: Amelia Bucek , MPH - Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Farra Kahalnik , MPH, MSSW - University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Larissa Myaskovsky , PhD FAST - University of New Mexico School of Medicine Carl I. Schulman , MD, PhD, MSPH - University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
12:45 - 1:15 pm	Panel: TSBM State of the Science	Moderator: Anna La Manna , MPH, MSW - Washington University in St. Louis Pamela Davidson , PhD - UCLA Clinical & Translational Science Institute Douglas Luke , PhD - Washington University in St. Louis Joe Hunt - Indiana Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute

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1:15 - 2:00 pm	Working Session: Opportunities for Alignment in Impact Measurement Across CTSA Consortium	Alyson Eggleston , PhD - Penn State Clinical & Translational Science Institute Joe Hunt - Indiana Clinical & Translational Sciences Institute Lixin Zhang , PhD - Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative, Case Western Reserve University
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Lunch Break & Virtual Posters	
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Lightning Talks: Supporting Impact in Early-Stage Investigator Development	Moderator: Shannon Casey , PhD - University of Wisconsin-Madison Naomi S. Bardach - University of California San Francisco Andrea Molzhon , PhD - Virginia Commonwealth University Cath Kane , MPA – New York University
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Closing Plenary: Where do we go from here?	Moderator: Kristi Holmes , PhD - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
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