Genesis of Ohio State’s CCTS

In 2006, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees voted to create a new entity, The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), to speed the translation of scientific discoveries into clinical therapies to improve human health. Dr. Rebecca Jackson, MD, was named to lead the new enterprise based on her international recognition and outstanding leadership of numerous multicenter research collaborations. Her first task was to develop the application for an NIH (National Institutes of Health) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant to fund the new endeavor.

In 2008, the NIH awarded a $34-million, five-year CTSA grant to The Ohio State University – along with Nationwide Children’s Hospital – to fund the CCTS. Among the largest research grants in the University’s history, the CTSA award was a team effort based on the clinical and translational research enterprise, training programs, informatics capabilities, trans-disciplinary collaborations, and partnerships with private and public organizations.