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## **Memorandum**

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**MEMO TO:** Faculty Executive Committee

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**RE:** Proposal to create a Center for Clinical and Translational Science

I am writing on behalf of the Academic Priorities Committee to convey the Committee's formal endorsement of the proposal to create a Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS). CCTS would serve as the academic home for clinical and translational research at Brown, and for the NIH Clinical and Translational Sciences Award (CTSA), which Brown will apply for in October, 2009.

The development of the Center is the result of a two and a half year effort, with involvement across a wide range of campus- and hospital- based faculty. Brown has been the recipient of a CTSA Planning Grant from the NIH, which has led to the development of this proposal. The new Center will focus on linkages between the clinical and basic science sectors of the University, enabling "best practices" for contemporary clinical research and overcoming barriers to inter-institutional/transdisciplinary research. The Center will foster new collaborative, interdisciplinary research programs across Brown and its affiliated hospitals and institutions, and will have a broad impact across the University and the state. The cost of establishing the Center will be split evenly between Brown and the affiliated hospitals.

The proposal can be found on the Academic Priorities Committee website ([http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Provost/proposed/CCTS\\_010609.pdf](http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Provost/proposed/CCTS_010609.pdf)). The Academic Priorities Committee is pleased to support the proposal and encourages its consideration by the Faculty.