IDeA-CTR Program Pre-application Webinar

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Meeting Outline

Presentations (25 mins)

• Overview: the IDeA-CTR Program and the New FOA
  Hongwei Gao
• Network Structure and Participating IDeA-CTR Institutions
  Zuzana Justinova
• Governance and Program Oversight of IDeA-CTRs
  Julia Barthold
• Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs
  Christy Leake
• Application Instructions
  Michele McGuirl

Q&A (60 mins)

Ming Lei (Moderator)
Overview: the IDeA-CTR Program and the New FOA

Hongwei Gao
Overview of IDeA-CTR Program

The purpose of the **IDeA-CTR initiative** is to:

- Expand the capacity for clinical and translational research in IDeA-eligible states/jurisdictions
- Enhance competitiveness of investigators to obtain extramural funding for clinical and translational research.

The IDeA-CTR program, initiated in 2012, currently supports 11 awards.
Current Cohort of IDeA-CTR Awardees

- **Geographical Coverage**
  - All IDeA states, except those with CTSAs or RCMIs, are supported.
  - Some states/Institutions participate in more than one CTR.
  - Some CTRs have significant investment in CTSA institutions located in different IDeA states.

- **Scientific Scope**
  - A critical presence of clinical and translational research that addresses IDeA states’ health challenges.
  - Most CTRs support broad spectrum capacity and infrastructure building.
  - Some CTRs focus on specific diseases or populations.
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Key Changes to the IDeA-CTR FOA

To maximize the research capacity building impact of CTRs, the new FOA includes clarifications on the structure and programmatic priorities of the program:

• Support IDeA-CTRs as statewide or interstate regional networks
  o Include partner institutions within the state or region
  o Minimize duplication of clinical and translational research capacity-building investment made by other NIH programs

• Build the capacity to address the broad spectrum of health challenges faced by populations in the state or region
Network Structure and Participating IDeA-CTR Institutions

Zuzana Justinova
Network Participating Institutions

An institution may participate in one IDeA-CTR network at any given time, either as the lead institution or a partner institution.

Lead/Co-Lead Institution(s)

• Academic Health Centers in an IDeA-eligible state with strategic priorities that align with the goal of the IDeA-CTR.
  o CTR lead institution(s) cannot lead active CTSA award.
  o An application from an IDeA state that holds a CTSA award must include compelling justification for a new clinical and translational research network in the state.
• Must have extramurally funded multidisciplinary clinical and translational research.
Partner Institutions

• Integral components that are committed to and make critical contribution to the network’s goals and objectives.

• Receive personnel and infrastructure support from the network.

• Adequate cooperative arrangements with network partners to enable effective network function across institutional boundaries.

• Can be from a state different from that of the lead institution.

• CTSA institutions in IDeA states may be included as partners with compelling justifications but cannot lead cores of the IDeA-CTR.
Collaborators (in contrast to Partners)

- Institutions or programs that collaborate with CTRs on research initiatives or projects.

- Any institution and/or programs outside of the CTR
  - Other IDeA-supported programs (i.e., CTR, INBRE, and COBRE)
  - Other NIH-funded clinical/translational programs (e.g., CTSAs, RCMIs, ISPCTN)
  - Other institutions

- Collaborators can receive CTR funds for **consultant or fee-for-service** activities but not infrastructure or personnel support.
Governance and Program Oversight of IDeA-CTRs

Julia Barthold
IDeA-CTR PD/PI Eligibility and Roles

PD/PI Requirements:

• Current senior-level faculty appointment at the lead institution with demonstrated leadership experience and skills; Established clinical scientist with ongoing extramurally-supported research program

• Must devote 3.6 – 6.0 person months, including role as Administrative Core Lead

PD/PI Roles

• Ensure implementation of all decisions approved by the Steering Committee

• Oversee and manage all approved network components, personnel, resources and budgets

• Program Coordinator (PC): an *optional* position that may be proposed to assist the PI with administrative activities
IDeA-CTR Steering Committee

Role:

- **Governing body:** makes all major strategic and operational decisions, with consideration of EAC and IAC recommendations

Membership: each member has 1 vote

- PI: Chair
- PC, if proposed
- Senior Institutional Official from the lead institution
- Representative from each partner institution
- NIH Project Coordinator (formerly known as Project Scientist)
- Optional: others from lead or partner institutions as justified
NIH Project Coordinator Roles

Steering Committee member

Provides input on important programmatic decisions:

- Network participation and organization
- Advisory committee membership
- Major research initiatives and Component/Core activities
- Interactions and collaborations with IDeA-CTR Networks and other NIH programs (e.g. INBREs, COBREs, CTSAs)
IDeA-CTR Advisory Committees

Role: Provide advice and offer recommendations to the Steering Committee and PI

External Advisory Committee
- Multi-component clinical and translational research network leadership experience
- Review progress and approve pilot projects
- New members remain undefined and not approached until after an award is made

Internal Advisory Committee
- 6-8 named members
- Senior officials from lead and partner institutions
Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs

Christy Leake
The application may request up to $4,000,000 total costs per year.

An additional one-time cost of up to $300,000 in direct costs in year one for Alterations and Renovations.

Funds cannot be used at institutions in non-IDeA states. However, funds may be used in other IDeA and non-IDeA states for fee-for-service activities.

A direct cost is any cost that can be specifically identified with a particular project that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily and with a high degree of accuracy.
Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs - 2

• An institution may receive infrastructure or personnel support from one IDeA-CTR network at any given time.

• If CTSA institutions are included as partners in an IDeA-CTR network, they may not lead components/cores.
Application Instructions

Michele McGuirl
Overall - Background & Goal

• Current landscape of C&T research infrastructure in the state(s)
  ○ Lead & Partner institutions: what each can contribute to C&T research and network
  ○ Lead institution: alignment of institution’s strategic priorities with the goal of the IDeA-CTR

• Expected impact of the proposed IDeA-CTR
  ○ Impact on health conditions that disproportionately affect populations in the state(s)
  ○ Scientific and structural obstacles the CTR is expected to address
  ○ For applications from a CTSA state, describe the CTSA’s effort and contributions on these fronts and provide justification for an additional C&T research network
Organizational Structure & Strategy

• Details of the structure and roles of each partner
  ○ Administrative and scientific relationships between the lead and partner institutions

• Strategies to strengthen the network
  ○ Institution can be a partner in only one CTR
  ○ The CEO Core **requires** a PBRN component - Practice-Based Research Networks
    [https://pbrn.ahrq.gov/](https://pbrn.ahrq.gov/)
Institutional Letters of Support

From a senior official at each lead and partner institution

- Commit to goals of the IDeA-CTR
- Specify the institution’s commitment to resources – some examples:
  - Financial, Space, Release Time, Personnel, Core Support
- Define the IDeA-CTR PI’s authority/influence over resource commitments and the reporting line
Renewal: Progress and Accomplishments

- Progress on developing C&T research relative to baseline
  - Prior accomplishments and impact on the major health concerns
  - Administrative challenges and lessons learned

- Acknowledge changes in the participation of partner institutions
Thank you!

Please enter your questions into the chat box.