

Pre-Application Webinar for
NCTN RT/Imaging Core
Services Center
2017 FOA

RFA-CA-17-060

Pre-Application Webinar Topics – RFA-CA-17-060

1. Overview of Application for RFA
2. Special Eligibility Criteria (Institutions, PIs/PDs)
3. Research Plan: Research Strategy Sub-sections
4. Resource Sharing Plans
5. Budget Issues
6. Review Criteria
7. Terms of Award

Overview of Application for RFA-CA-17-060 (U24)

1. Reissue with Renewal Applications Only
2. Application is electronic
3. Just-in-Time information (not a part of the application) will be required, if applicable, for updates to “Other Support” for key personnel and Human Subjects Protection Training for key personnel

Special Eligibility for RFA-CA-17-060

**Select Information on Eligibility for Institutions Submitting Applications
(See FOAs for Other Eligibility Criteria)**

**Select Information on Eligibility of PDs/PIs on Applications
(See FOAs for Other Eligibility Criteria)**

Limited Competition RFA

Only current NCTN RT & Imaging Core Services Center awardees supported under RFA-CA-12-014 are eligible to apply

(i.e., new applications must come from the current grantee institution)

Each organization can submit only 1 application under this FOA

PDs/PIs for this application cannot overlap with PDs/PIs on applications for:

**Group Operations Centers
Group Statistics & Data Management Centers
Canadian Collaborating Clinical Trials Network
Lead Academic Participating Sites**

However, an individual who is designated as a PD/PI on the application for the NCTN Radiotherapy and Imaging Core Services Center can, if appropriate, be listed as key personnel on applications for the NCTN Network Lead Academic Participating Sites, but not on applications for the other RFAs listed above.

Research Plan: Research Strategy Sections – RFA-CA-17-060

U24 Research Plan (Research Strategy Sub-sections)	Page Limits	# of Attachments for Components (Brief Titles of Attachments)
A. Overview	30 pages for entire Research Strategy & Sub-Sections (divided up in any way)	<p style="text-align: center;">6 Attachments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1-NCTN Clinical Trials Using RT Core Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2- NCTN Clinical Trials Using Imaging Core Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3-Other Clinical Trials Using RT Core Services and/or Imaging Core Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4-Key Standard Operating Procedures for RT and Imaging Quality Assurance, Imaging Data Management, and Credentialing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5-Security and Confidentiality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6-Conflict of Interest Policy</p>
B. Radiotherapy (RT) Core Services Program		
C. Imaging Core Services Program		
D. Collaborations, Participation in Collective Network Management, and Support for Other NCI-Supported Clinical Trials Network Programs		
E. Progress Report		

Resource Sharing Plans: RFA-CA-17-060

- ❑ All applications, regardless of the amount of direct costs requested for any one year, should address a Data Sharing Plan.
- ❑ It is expected that the Center will follow the Resource Sharing Plans of the associated Network Groups' Operations Centers, and so the Center should submit a Resource Sharing Plan in its application that indicates that it understands and is bound by the NCTN Group Data Sharing Plans, including plans that link Center data from trials to genomic data (i.e., NCTN Group NIH/NCI Genomic Data Sharing Plans).
- ❑ The Data Sharing Plan and other resource plans (or rationale for not providing sharing certain resources) should be provided in the research application; however, prior to funding of an award, all resource sharing plans will also need to be reviewed and approved by NCI/DCTD program staff prior to any award in order to ensure that the plans are in compliance with the NIH/NCI regulations and Terms of Award for this key component of the NCTN Program.

Budget Issues - General: RFA-CA-17-060

- ❑ *Requested Budget.* The requested budget must not exceed \$7,400,000 in direct costs per year over a 6-year project period. All NCTN RFAs, except Ops and Stats Centers, have a direct cost per year limit. Actual funding will depend on funds available at the time of award.
- ❑ *Budget Breakdown.* The application consists of a single budget with the major budget categories (i.e., Personnel, Supplies, Travel, Other Expenses) showing the amounts for the entire application; however, a budget breakdown (general total amounts - not formal separate budgets) should be provided for the 3 main cores/activities of this application, including coordination activities, as this award will be made with restricted general budget allocations these core activities.

RT Core Services for NCTN Clinical Trials

Imaging Core Services for NCTN Clinical Trials

RT and Imaging Core Services for Other NCI-supported Clinical Trials Network Programs
(e.g., NCI/DCP NCI Community Oncology Research Program, NCI/DCTD early phase clinical network trial program)

Budget Issues - General: RFA-CA-17-060

- ❑ *PD/PI Effort Commitment.* The minimal effort commitment for the Contact PD/PI must be 1.8 person-months per year. The effort commitment for the other PDs/PIs (if multiple) must be a minimum of 1.8 person-months per year. These effort commitments cannot be reduced in later years of the award. Salary does not need to be attachment to these commitments in certain applications/situations.
- ❑ *Travel Expenses.* Applicants must budget travel funds for two persons (two PDs/PIs or one PD/PI and an additional senior investigator) to attend one NCTN Leadership Management Committee in-person meeting per year in additional to other travel expenses.

Review Criteria – RFA-CA-17-060

- ❑ **Overall:** Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).
- ❑ **Scored Review Criteria:** Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria (i.e., Significance, Investigators, Innovation, Approach, & Environment) in the determination of scientific merit, and give a separate score for each. *An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.*
- ❑ **Additional Review Criteria on RT Services & Imaging Services:** As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the additional items listed in the RFA related to these services while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact score, but will not give separate scores for these items.

Terms of Award – RFA-CA-17-060

- ❑ In addition to standard terms of award under NIH Grant Policy, the RFA sets out other Terms of Award, including compliance with the following for for PDs/PIs of the RT and Imaging Core Services Center:
 - Part 1 of the NCI National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) Program Guidelines/Handbook dated December 15, 2012 (https://ctep.cancer.gov/initiativesPrograms/docs/NCTN_Program_Guidelines.pdf) and any subsequent updated versions of the Guidelines/Handbook
 - NCI/DCTD CRADA agreements
 - Intellectual Property Option to Collaborators at (https://ctep.cancer.gov/branches/rab/intellectual_property_option_to_collaborators.htm) for NCTN trials