

Pre-Application Webinar for
NCTN Integrated
Translational Science Centers
2017 FOA

RFA-CA-17-061

Pre-Application Webinar Topics – RFA-CA-17-061

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Overview of Application for RFA-CA-17-061 (UG1)

1. Reissue with “New” Applications Only
(not a renewal – prior “pink sheets” not given to reviewers and awardees prior targets not applicable for this new application; this is a complete re-start)
2. Application is electronic
3. Letter of Intent is due December 19, 2017
4. 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-17-061

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)

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Individuals designated as PDs/PIs on applications for this FOA cannot be designated as PDs/PIs on applications for NCTN Network Group Operation Centers (under RFA-CA-17-056).

However, an individual who is designated as a PD/PI on the application for the NCTN Network Group Integrated Translational Science Center can, if appropriate, be listed as key personnel on applications for the NCTN Network Group Operations Centers.

Research Plan: Research Strategy Sections – RFA-CA-17-061

UG1 Research Plan (Research Strategy Sub-sections)	Page Limits	# of Attachments for Components (Brief Titles of Attachments)
A. Integrated Translational Science Center Overview	30 pages for entire Research Strategy & Sub-Sections (divided up in any way)	1 Attachment 1-Conflict of Interest Policy
B. Integrated Translational Science Program		
C. Pilot Studies and Collaborative Projects		

Letters of Support & Resource Sharing Plans: RFA-CA-17-061

- ❑ **Letters of Support: Letters of Support:** The application section on Letters of Support should include a Letter of Support from the PD(s)/PI(s) of the Network Group Operations Centers(s) that are supporting the application.
- ❑ **Resource Sharing Plan:** 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 proposed center will follow the Resource Sharing Plans of the associated Network Group(s)' Operations Center(s) it works with, the proposed Integrated Translational Science Center should indicate in its application that it is bound by these plans (i.e., the resource sharing plans that may have been submitted by the associated Network Group(s) including but not limited to general NIH/NCI data sharing as well NIH/NCI genomic data sharing).
- ❑ 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-17-061

- ❑ *Requested Budget.* The requested budget must not exceed \$850,000 in direct costs per year. Actual funding will depend on funds available at the time of award.
- ❑ *Budget Period.* The application consists of a single budget for a 6-year budget period. A special Notice for this RFA in the NIH Guide listed below explains how to access the correct forms to provide a 6-year budget under this RFA.

NOT-CA-18-017:

Notice of Change to Application Package for RFA-CA-17-059 and RFA-CA-17-061 available at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-CA-18-017.html>

New application packages with the Competition ID of “FORMS-D-REVISED” were posted on October 27, 2017 and must be used to successfully submit to the January 19, 2018 due date. If you initiated an application using an application package with the Competition ID of “FORMS-D” you need to copy your application content to the revised form package.

Review Criteria – RFA-CA-17-061

- ❑ **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:** As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the additional items listed in the RFA 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-17-061

- 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 PDs/PIs of the LAPS Awards:

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