NIH-FDA Tobacco Control Regulatory Science

Center for Evaluation and Coordination of Training and Research (CECTR) in Tobacco Regulatory Science (U54)

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Goal

Accelerate the advancement of tobacco regulatory science through leadership, evaluation, coordination, and facilitation of collaborative efforts across FDA-CTP funded research and training programs
CECTR Components

- Leadership and Administrative Core
- Evaluation Core
- Education and Training Core
- Analytics and Synthesis Core
Leadership and Administrative Core

- Provides scientific & administrative leadership
- Coordinates activities of Cores
- Provides logistical support and infrastructure
  - At minimum 2 grantee meetings per year
  - Support for workgroups, steering committee, etc.
- Facilitates collaboration and communication among TCORS and other CTP-funded grantees
- Intellectual hub for the cross CTP-funded program activities & initiatives
Evaluation Core

• Conducts an evaluation of the research programs funded by CTP, including PATH, TCORS, TRSP grants, CDC, NCTR, etc
• Leads the conduct of the evaluation, including design, data collection, and analysis
• Applicants should propose an evaluation framework, but the final approach will be determined by Steering Committee
Education and Training Core

• Leads the coordination and integration of the training programs, to include TCORS training programs, K-mechanism awardees, and other CTP-funded training awardees
• Facilitates collaboration across programs, among training awardees and across mentors
• Develops and disseminates training modules and curricula
• Supporting training awardees
Analytics and Synthesis Core

• Provides data analytic and research synthesis expertise
• Facilitates data sharing, collaborative analyses, use of consensus measures, and results dissemination across TCORS and CTP-funded research programs
• Provides expertise for data transfer, merging, and analysis
• Identifies priority or gap areas for scientific inquiry
• Assists with collaboration and prioritization of scientific topics in the TCORS developmental and pilot project programs
• Has the capacity to facilitate rapid, coordinated data collection in response to ongoing, changing needs
Projects under CECTR Purview

• Evaluation, coordination, and/or support provided for the following projects:
  • Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS)
  • Other grants funded under TRSP program
    • See http://prevention.nih.gov/tobacco/portfolio.aspx
  • PATH Study
  • Other CTP-funded research and initiatives
    • CDC contracts
    • Work with National Center for Toxicological Research
    • Others to be funded in the future
Level of Coordination and Support will vary by Initiative

- Greatest level of coordination and support
  - Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS)
    - TCORS RFA encourages collaboration, shared measures, scientific communication across research and training programs
- Moderate amount of coordination
  - Other grants funded under TRSP program
- Lesser amount of coordination and support
  - Other CTP-funded research and initiatives
    - CDC contracts
    - Work with National Center for Toxicological Research
    - Others to be funded in the future
  - PATH Study
For more information

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