

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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Center for Evaluation and Coordination of Training and Research (CECTR)

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
 - Portfolio at <http://prevention.nih.gov/tobacco/portfolio.aspx>
- 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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