

# Pre-Application Webinar: **Center for Coordination of Analytics, Science, Enhancement, and Logistics (CASEL)**

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*Advancing Addiction Science*

# Purpose

CASEL will:

- Provide scientific coordination for the broad portfolio of tobacco regulatory research funded by CTP
- Conduct scientific synthesis and data integration
- Facilitate career enhancement of tobacco regulatory scientists and
- Support dissemination of research results.

# CASEL Components

Leadership  
and Logistics  
Core

*Analysis and  
Rapid  
Response Core*

Career  
Enhancement  
Core

Dissemination  
Core

Optional Cores  
(as justified)

# Leadership and Logistics Core

## **Provides leadership, coordination and logistical support**

- Convene 2 scientific meetings per year among TCORS grantees and/or all CTP-funded researchers
- Develop and maintain a website for CTP-funded researchers
- Coordinate and support CASEL and TCORS Steering Committees

## **Coordinates activities of the TCORS**

- Support for a TCORS Steering Committee to include TCORS principal investigators
- Scientific working groups

# ***Analysis and Rapid Response Core***



Facilitate collaborative research



Serve as the organizational hub for an Opportunity Fund (OF) that will support time-sensitive, rapid response projects



Provide a “big-picture” overview of the CTP-funded research program to identify research needs, gaps and opportunities for coordination, collaboration, and synthesis



Facilitate use of consensus measures (common data elements) across studies

***\*Rapid  
Response  
part of Core***

- Organizational hub for an **Opportunity Fund (OF)** to support rapid response projects to address high priority, time-sensitive research needs of the FDA CTP.
- Overall duties include establishing an administrative structure to solicit, review, award and track project applications.
- CASEL will set aside \$1.5M of its direct costs per year to award subcontracts for this purpose.
- It is expected that this Core will solicit OF applications no more than 4 times per year. The OF will support projects for up to 12 months.

# Career Enhancement Core



Facilitate collaboration across the TCORS career enhancement activities



Support continuing education in tobacco regulatory science among CTP-funded awardees



Create collegial and collaborative networks among the CTP-funded awardees at various career stages (e.g., trainees, new and early-stage investigators, and mentors)



Activities: disseminating career enhancement modules & curricula, hosting web-based presentations, & organizing sessions at investigator meetings and conferences

# Dissemination Core

- Consolidate data and facilitate dissemination of results across multiple venues, including:
  - Scientific reports
  - Workshops
  - Seminars
  - Meetings
  - Conference presentations
  - Collaborative manuscripts and/or themed journal issues
- Develop and maintain a website for CTP-funded investigators
- Develop and maintain Comprehensive bibliography of grantee Publications
- Inform CTP-funded investigators of relevant issues, policies, and media information



# FDA CTP Research Areas

CASEL will provide coordination and facilitation of tobacco regulatory science across the CTP-funded research program. The scope of the CTP-funded research program focuses on the following priority areas:

- Product Composition and Design
  - Addiction
  - Toxicity
  - Behavior
- Health Effects
- Communication
- Marketing Influences
  - Impact Analysis

# Projects Under CASEL Purview

Evaluation, coordination, and/or support provided for the following projects:

- Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) funded under RFA-OD-22-003
- Other grants funded under TRSP program

See <http://prevention.nih.gov/tobacco/portfolio.aspx>

- May include other CTP-funded research & initiatives
  - CDC contracts
  - Work with National Center for Toxicological Research
  - Others to be funded in the future

# Eligible Applicants

- Institutions and individuals currently receiving CTP or related NIH grants or contracts are eligible to apply. However, applicants may not request funding for activities that are already supported by active grants or contracts (regardless of funding source).
- Foreign institutions **are not** eligible to apply, including Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities and Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S Organizations.
- However, Foreign components, as defined by the NIH Grants Policy Statement, **are allowed**.
- **Note:** key personnel of the CASEL awardee team **cannot** include key personnel from the research team of a Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) awardee or The Center for Rapid Surveillance of Tobacco (CRST)

# Letter of Intent

A Letter of Intent is not required, but it is strongly recommended. It allows NIH staff to estimate the potential review workload and plan the review, and it provides an opportunity for feedback.

- Submit no later than **May 15, 2022**
- Include:
  - Descriptive title of proposed activity
  - Name(s), institutions, and contact info for PI(s)
  - Names and institutions of other key personnel
  - Number and title of this funding opportunity
  - Specific aims
- Send to [TRSP@mail.nih.gov](mailto:TRSP@mail.nih.gov)

# More Information in FAQs

Be sure to read our **Frequently Asked Questions** document located on the TRSP website:

[https://prevention.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/GeneralResponsiveness-FAQs\\_508.pdf](https://prevention.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/GeneralResponsiveness-FAQs_508.pdf)

*Note that the FAQs will be periodically updated as additional questions are received*

# Scientific Research Contact

Nonresponsive applications will ***not*** be reviewed. Please ensure that your application is responsive prior to submission.

**Applicants are strongly encouraged to speak to the scientific contact listed in the RFA regarding responsiveness**

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