NCI Funding Opportunities in Implementation Science

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Overview

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Trans-NIH Funding Opportunities

**R01, Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (PAR-19-274, Clinical Trial Optional)**

This funding opportunity provides research project grants to support discrete, specified research projects led by an investigator in a topic area representing his or her specific interests and competencies. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. Applications may not exceed 5 years.

**R21, Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (PAR-19-275, Clinical Trial Optional)**

This funding opportunity provides grants that are intended to encourage exploratory or developmental research projects by supporting the development of pilot projects or feasibility studies to support creative, novel, and high-risk/high-payoff research. Applicants may request a project period of up to 2 years and the combined budget for direct costs may not exceed $275,000.

**R03, Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (PAR-19-276, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

This funding opportunity provides small research grants to support the initiation of studies that are generally for preliminary short-term projects. Applicants for an R03 award may request a project period of up to 2 years and a budget for direct costs of up to $50,000 per year. While the grant is nonrenewable, there is less competition for these start-up research project funds.

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**Successful Grant Applications**

Reference excerpts from successfully funded research grant applications to help prepare applications for NCI funding.

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Part 1. Overview Information

**Participating Organization(s)**

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Components of Participating Organizations**

- National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)

All applications to this funding opportunity announcement should fall within the mission of the Institutes/Centers. The following NIH Offices may co-fund applications assigned to those Institutes/Centers.

- Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Disease Prevention (ODP)
- Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)
- Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)

**Funding Opportunity Title**

Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

**Activity Code**

R01 Research Project Grant

**Announcement Type**

Reissue of PAR-18-007
See Notices of Special Interest associated with this funding opportunity

- **December 11, 2020** - Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Tailoring Follow-up Care for Survivors Using Risk-Stratified Pathways. See Notice NOT-CA-21-019.
- **October 26, 2020** - Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Use of Predictive Analytics to Accelerate Late-Stage Implementation Research to Address Heart, Lung, Blood, and Sleep Disorders. See Notice NOT-HL-20-815.
- **April 29, 2020** - Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Heart, lung, blood and sleep focused ancillary studies to large ongoing clinical trials. See Notice NOT-HL-20-755.
- **March 10, 2020** - Reminder: FORMS-F Grant Application Forms & Instructions Must be Used for Due Dates On or After May 25, 2020 - New Grant Application Instructions Now Available. See Notice NOT-OD-20-077.
- **January 6, 2020** - Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): De-implementation of Ineffective or Low-value Clinical Practices along the Cancer Care Continuum. See Notice NOT-CA-20-021.
- **September 4, 2019** - Notice of Change to Information relevant to Specific Institutes/Centers in PAR-19-274. See Notice NOT-AR-19-040.

**Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number**

PAR-19-274

**Companion Funding Opportunity**

PAR-19-275, R21 Exploratory/Developmental Grant
PAR-19-276, R03 Small Grant Program
Purpose

“…to support innovative approaches to identifying, understanding, and developing strategies for overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up and sustainability of evidence-based interventions, tools, policies, and guidelines. Conversely, there is a benefit in understanding circumstances that create a need to stop or reduce (“de-implement”) the use of interventions that are ineffective, unproven, low-value, or harmful. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged.”

Source: PAR-19-274
Selected research questions

- What factors influence the creation, packaging, transmission and reception of valid health research knowledge?
- How can an evidence-based practice be adapted to fit within specific contexts or settings?
- Which strategies best support uptake and sustainability, and how do these strategies work?
- How do you scale up and sustain effective interventions across systems, states and communities?
- How do you de-implement practices that are not evidence-based, or are harmful or wasteful?

Source: PAR-19-274
SAMPLE GRANT APPLICATIONS

**R01: Implementing Tobacco Use Treatment Guidelines in Community Health Centers in Vietnam**

Principal Investigator: Donna Shelley, MD, MPH  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY*

Award Number: R01#CA175329-01A1

**View Funded Grant (PDF, 2.21MB)**

**R01: De-implementing low value castration for men with prostate cancer**

Principal Investigator: Ted Skolmar, MD, MPH, FACS  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR*

Award Number: R27#CA222885-01

**View Funded Grant (PDF, 828.72KB)**

**R01: Disseminating an Evidence-Based Tobacco Control Intervention for School Teachers in India**

Principal Investigator: Glorian Sorenson, PhD, MPH  
HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH*

Award Number: R01#CA200691-01A1

**View Funded Grant (PDF, 1.26MB)**

**R21: Effective Training Models for Implementing Health-Promoting Practices After School**

Principal Investigator: Rebekka Maighread Lee, ScD  
HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH*

Award Number: R21#CA201567-01A1

**View Funded Grant (PDF, 836.74KB)**
The field of implementation science bridges the divide between research and practice to improve patient and population health outcomes.
Global Implementation Science

The Center for Global Health (CGH) at the US National Cancer Institute (NCI) was established in 2011 to contribute to improved cancer control worldwide. Coincident with the CGH 10th anniversary in 2021, this strategic plan will inform activities for the five-year period of 2021–2025.

CGH supports the NCI mission by advancing global cancer research and coordinating NCI engagement in global cancer control. CGH also represents NCI in international research partnerships, playing a key role in coordinating multinational research efforts for global benefit. Core values for CGH are impact, equity, and collaboration. These values inform CGH efforts to lead innovative, impactful programs with partners within and outside NCI. CGH goals are focused on research, research training, dissemination, and partnership, primarily in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Areas of scientific focus include new technologies, implementation science, cancer health disparities, clinical trials, and cancer etiology. Each of these areas require CGH to leverage expertise and resources across NCI divisions, offices, and centers.
Global Implementation Science Funding Opportunities

- Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Dissemination and Implementation Science for Cancer Prevention and Control in Low Resource Environments
  - NOT-CA-20-025 (Must apply through DIRH PARs)
- Implementation Science for Cancer Control in People Living with HIV in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)
  - RFA-CA-21-056
NCI-Specific Opportunities

1. Increasing Uptake of Evidence-Based Screening in Disadvantaged Populations
   - Announcement Number: PA-19-932
   - Code: R21
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Optional
   - Contact: Eric Bistschi
   - Phone: 202-258-3773
   - Email: EBistsch@nih.gov

2. Social and Behavioural Intervention Research to Address Undiagnosed HIV/AIDS Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations
   - Announcement Number: RFA-CA-20-051
   - Code: R01
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Required
   - Contact: Beto Baca
   - Phone: 202-846-3594
   - Email: beto_baca@ncc.nih.gov

3. Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health: Domestic and International Funding Opportunity
   - Announcement Number: PA-19-276
   - Code: R02
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Optional
   - Contact: Alia Noha
   - Phone: 202-258-5475
   - Email: alia_noha@nih.gov

4. Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health: Domestic and International Funding Opportunity
   - Announcement Number: PA-19-273
   - Code: R01
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Optional
   - Contact: Alia Noha
   - Phone: 202-258-5475
   - Email: alia_noha@nih.gov

5. Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health: Domestic and International Funding Opportunity
   - Announcement Number: PA-19-274
   - Code: R01
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Optional
   - Contact: Alia Noha
   - Phone: 202-258-5475
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6. Notice of Special Interest (NSI) for Implementation of Effective and/or Cost-Effective Practices along the Cancer Care Continuum
   - Announcement Number: NOT-CA-20-021
   - Contact: Nicole Pool
   - Phone: 202-258-6170
   - Email: Nicole.Pool@nih.gov

7. Linking the Provider Recommendation to Adolescent HPV Vaccine Uptake
   - Announcement Number: PA-19-355
   - Code: R31
   - Clinical Research: Clinical Trial Optional
   - Contact: Sarah Kilbride
   - Phone: 202-258-6905
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The eight modules below make up the TiDIRC OpenAccess course. These modules can be viewed together as a whole or individually by section. Before starting the course trainees should create a Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) research project idea. From there trainees can move through the modules to build up their project idea. These eight modules include videos, readings, and self-reflection questions. After completing the modules, trainees can workshop their proposed projects using what they’ve learned.

We are grateful to the lecturers for their efforts and for allowing us to provide this important resource to the community.

The course includes eight modules and a final assignment:

- Module 1: Introduction to Dissemination & Implementation Science
- Module 2: Implementation Science Theories, Models & Frameworks
- Module 3: Implementation Science Measures
- Module 4: Study Designs in Implementation Science
- Module 5: Research Approaches in Implementation Science
- Module 6: Implementation Strategies
- Module 7: Adaptation & Fidelity of Interventions in Implementation Science
- Module 8: Emerging Topics in Implementation Science
Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science (CCIS)

The Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science (CCIS) focuses on cancer control priorities, cross-collaboration, and innovative solutions in implementation science (IS). CCIS seeks to develop a new approach for the field to work together to address key challenges and identify and develop new areas of investigation toward advancing the IS agenda in cancer control.

CCIS DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC GOODS

To support the ongoing efforts of the Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science a collection of public goods, widely available tools and resources, have been developed by the action groups to address key challenges and advance the implementation science agenda in cancer.

THIRD ANNUAL CCIS MEETING - OCTOBER 6-7, 2021

The 2021 CCIS meeting focused on lessons learned in IS from COVID-19, and re-emerging and moving forward from the pandemic. The event featured a variety of presentations and discussion sessions, as well as pre-work to encourage more engagement and discussion during each virtual session meeting.
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- Community Participation in Implementation Science
- Economics and Cost in Implementation Science
- Policy and Implementation Science

Members of the Context and Equity in implementation Science, Implementation in Global Health, Implementation of Multilevel Interventions, Implementation Science Study Design, Learning Healthcare Systems as Natural Laboratories, and Technology and Health Communication in Implementation Science action groups will have publicly available resources in the coming years.

Read the August 2021 IS Blog to learn more about the themes from 2020 CCIS action groups.
Things to Remember

- Start early
- Need prior approval to exceed $500K for R01
- Do not skimp on methods/approach
- Demonstrate your partnership(s) and understanding of context
- TALK WITH PROGRAM OFFICERS – A listing of Institute contacts available at the end of Funding Opportunities.
- Question about Review: Wenjuan Wang, PhD, CSR
Guidance on Reaching out to Program Officers

- Identify Program Officer from FOA lists
- Send them one-pager (Specific Aims page)
- Highlight questions
- Ask for 30-minute call?
- Don’t be shy to email reminders (weekly, not daily)
Thank you!
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