IDeA-CTR Program Pre-application Webinar

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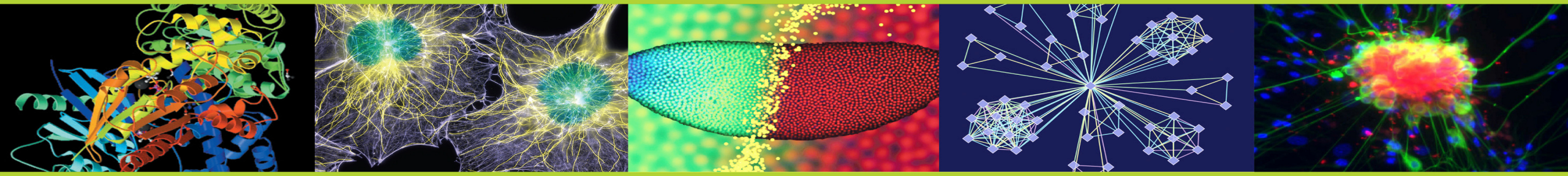

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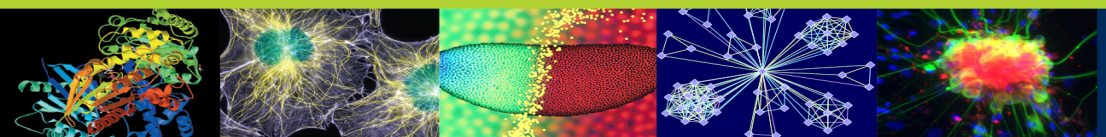
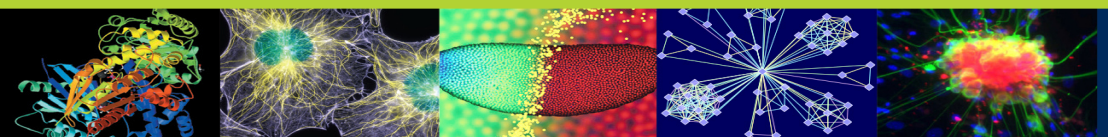


Meeting Outline

Presentations (25 mins)

• Overview: the IDeA-CTR Program and the New FOA	Hongwei Gao
• Network Structure and Participating IDeA-CTR Institutions	Zuzana Justinova
• Governance and Program Oversight of IDeA-CTRs	Julia Barthold
• Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs	Christy Leake
• Application Instructions	Michele McGuirl
Q&A (60 mins)	Ming Lei (Moderator)



Overview: the IDeA-CTR Program and the New FOA

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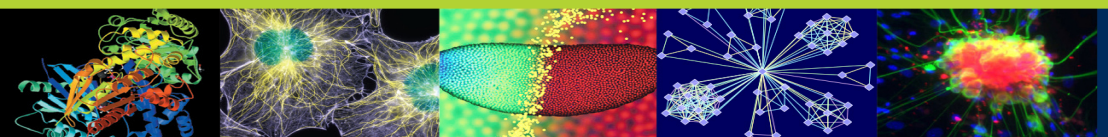
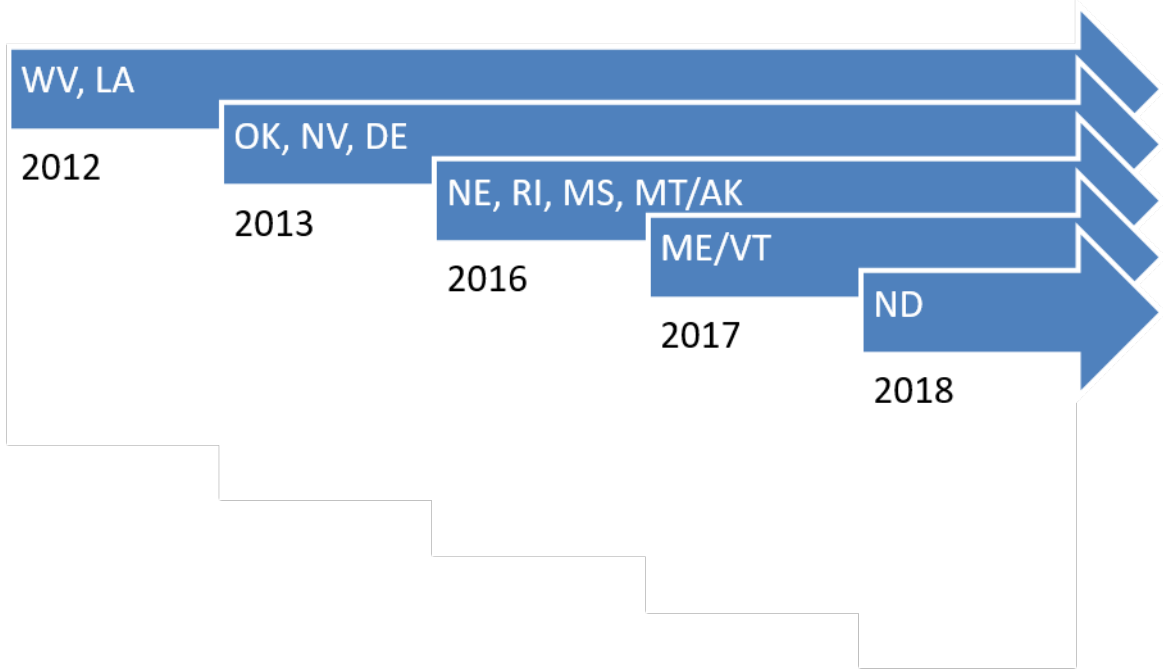


Overview of IDeA-CTR Program

The purpose of the **IDeA-CTR initiative** is to:

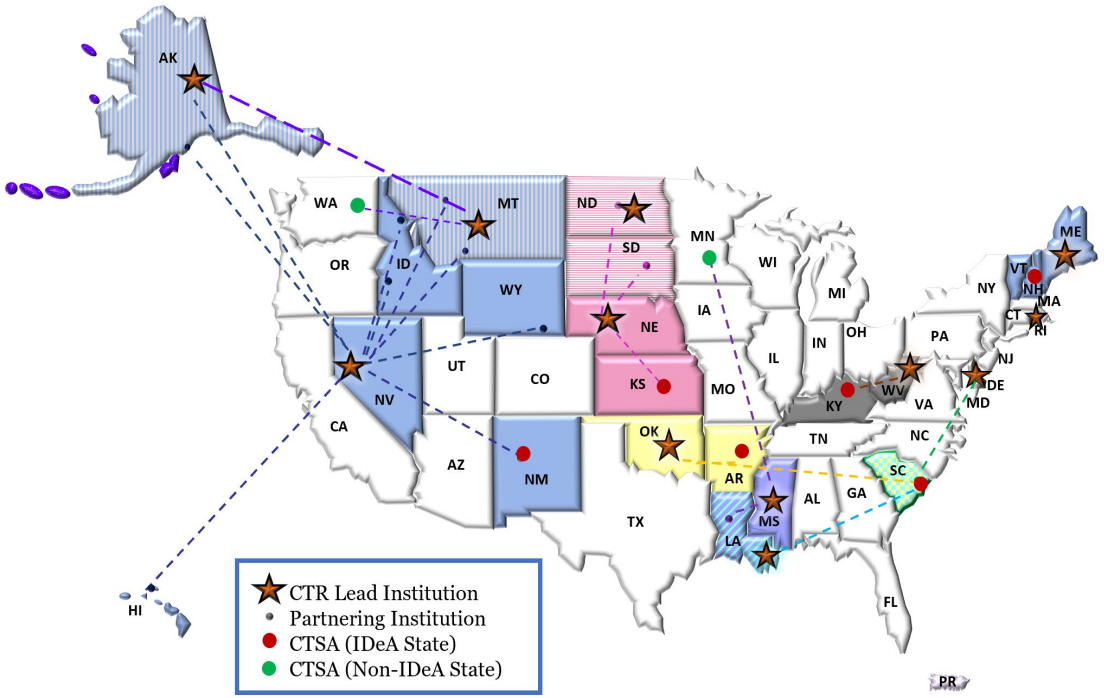
- Expand the capacity for clinical and translational research in IDeA-eligible states/jurisdictions
- Enhance competitiveness of investigators to obtain extramural funding for clinical and translational research.

The IDeA-CTR program, initiated in 2012, currently supports 11 awards.



Current Cohort of IDeA-CTR Awardees

- **Geographical Coverage**
  - All IDeA states, except those with CTSAs or RCMIs, are supported.
  - Some states/Institutions participate in more than one CTR.
  - Some CTRs have significant investment in CTSA institutions located in different IDeA states.
- **Scientific Scope**
  - A critical presence of clinical and translational research that addresses IDeA states' health challenges
  - Most CTRs support broad spectrum capacity and infrastructure building.
  - Some CTRs focus on specific diseases or populations



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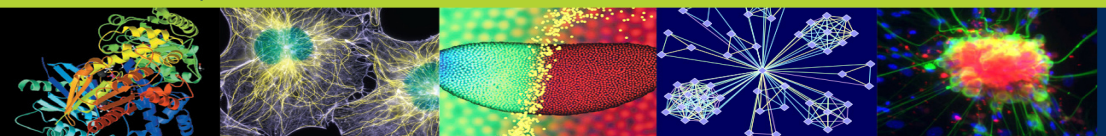
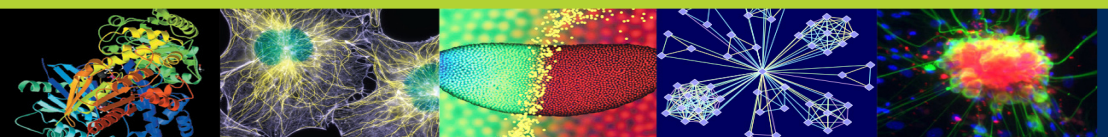
Renewal	PIs	States
2020	**VOYICH, JOVANKA/RASMUS, STACY**	Montana-Alaska
	PADBURY, JAMES	Rhode Island
	RIZZO, MATTHEW	Nebraska
	GRANGER, JOEY	Mississippi
2021	**HODDER, SALLY**	West Virginia
	KIRWAN, JOHN	Louisiana
	ROSEN, CLIFFORD/STEIN, GARY	Maine-Vermont
2022	**HICKS, GREGORY**	Delaware
	KUMAR, PARVESH	Nevada
	JAMES, JUDITH	Oklahoma
	BASSON, MARC	North Dakota



Key Changes to the IDeA-CTR FOA

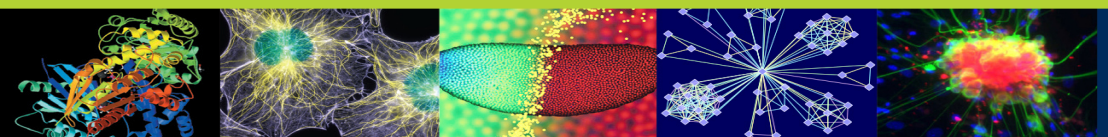
To maximize the research capacity building impact of CTRs, the new FOA includes clarifications on the structure and programmatic priorities of the program:

- Support IDeA-CTRs as statewide or interstate regional **networks**
  - Include partner institutions within the state or region
  - Minimize duplication of clinical and translational research capacity-building investment made by other NIH programs
- Build the capacity to address the **broad spectrum** of health challenges faced by populations in the state or region



Network Structure and Participating IDeA-CTR Institutions

Zuzana Justinova

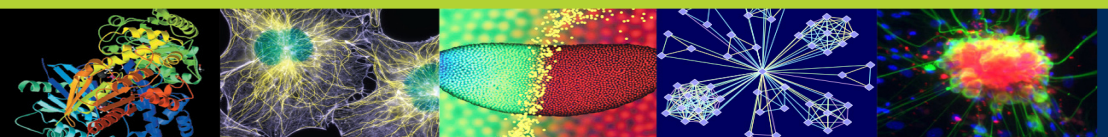


Network Participating Institutions

An institution may participate in **one IDeA-CTR network** at any given time, either as the *lead institution* or a *partner institution*.

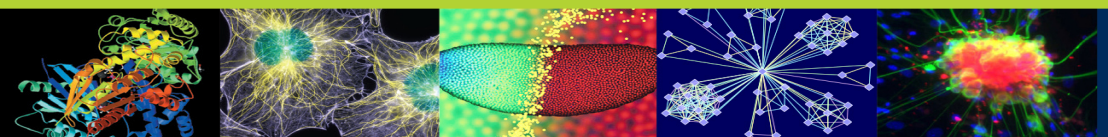
Lead/Co-Lead Institution(s)

- Academic Health Centers in an IDeA-eligible state with strategic priorities that align with the goal of the IDeA-CTR.
  - CTR lead institution(s) cannot lead active CTSA award.
  - An application from an IDeA state that holds a CTSA award must include **compelling justification** for a new clinical and translational research network in the state.
- Must have extramurally funded multidisciplinary clinical and translational research.



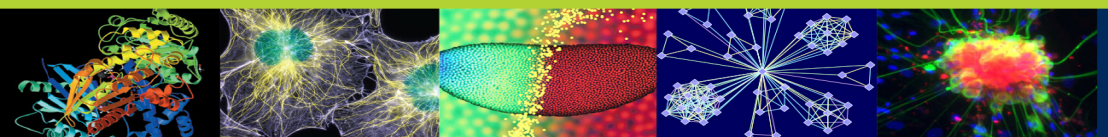
Partner Institutions

- Integral components that are committed to and make critical contribution to the network's goals and objectives.
- Receive personnel and infrastructure support from the network.
- Adequate cooperative arrangements with network partners to enable effective network function across institutional boundaries.
- Can be from a state different from that of the lead institution.
- CTSA institutions in IDeA states may be included as partners with **compelling justifications** but **cannot lead cores** of the IDeA-CTR.



Collaborators (in contrast to Partners)

- Institutions or programs that collaborate with CTRs on research initiatives or projects.
- Any institution and/or programs outside of the CTR
  - Other IDeA-supported programs (i.e., CTR, INBRE, and COBRE)
  - Other NIH-funded clinical/translational programs (e.g., CTSAs, RCMIs, ISPCTN)
  - Other institutions
- Collaborators can receive CTR funds for **consultant or fee-for-service** activities but not infrastructure or personnel support.



Governance and Program Oversight of IDeA-CTRs

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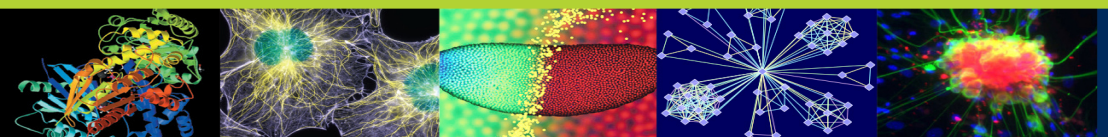


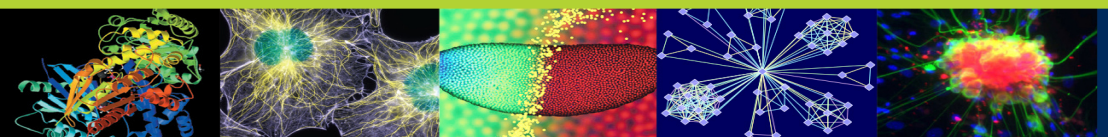
IDeA-CTR PD/PI Eligibility and Roles

PD/PI Requirements:

- Current senior-level faculty appointment at the lead institution with demonstrated leadership experience and skills; Established clinical scientist with ongoing extramurally-supported research program
- Must devote 3.6 – 6.0 person months, including role as Administrative Core Lead

PD/PI Roles

- Ensure implementation of all decisions approved by the Steering Committee
- Oversee and manage all approved network components, personnel, resources and budgets
- Program Coordinator (PC): an *optional* position that may be proposed to assist the PI with administrative activities



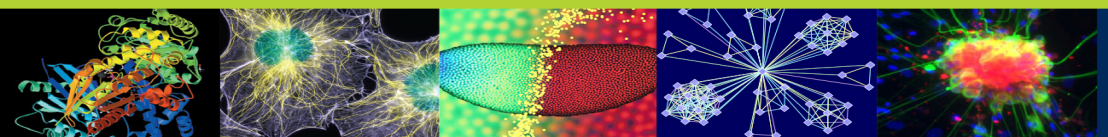
IDeA-CTR Steering Committee

Role:

- **Governing body:** makes all major strategic and operational decisions, with consideration of EAC and IAC recommendations

Membership: each member has 1 vote

- PI: Chair
- PC, if proposed
- Senior Institutional Official from the lead institution
- Representative from each partner institution
- NIH Project Coordinator (formerly known as Project Scientist)
- Optional: others from lead or partner institutions as justified

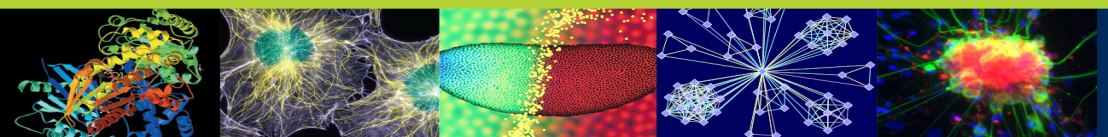


NIH Project Coordinator Roles

Steering Committee member

Provides input on important programmatic decisions:

- Network participation and organization
- Advisory committee membership
- Major research initiatives and Component/Core activities
- Interactions and collaborations with IDeA-CTR Networks and other NIH programs (e.g. INBREs, COBREs, CTSAs)



IDeA-CTR Advisory Committees

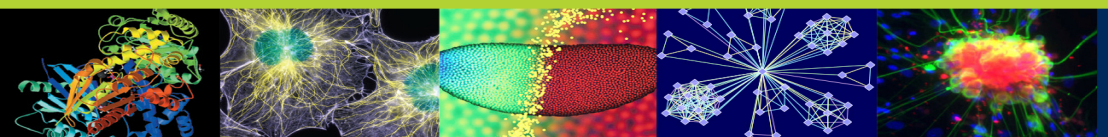
Role: Provide advice and offer recommendations to the Steering Committee and PI

External Advisory Committee

- Multi-component clinical and translational research network leadership experience
- Review progress and approve pilot projects
- New members remain undefined and not approached until after an award is made

Internal Advisory Committee

- 6-8 named members
- Senior officials from lead and partner institutions



Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs

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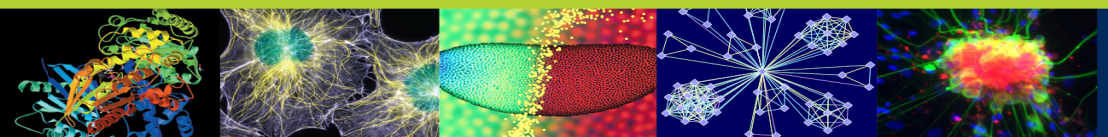
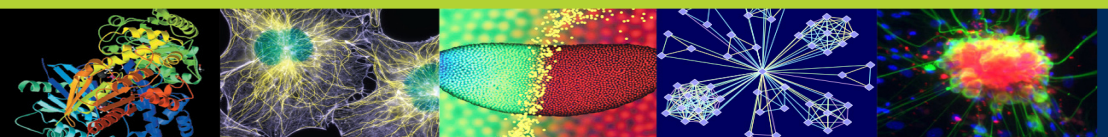


Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs - 1

- The application may request up to $4,000,000 total costs per year
- An additional one-time cost of up to $300,000 in direct costs in year one for Alterations and Renovations
- Funds cannot be used at institutions in non-IDeA states. However, funds may be used in other IDeA and non-IDeA states for fee-for-service activities
- A direct cost is any cost that can be specifically identified with a particular project that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily and with a high degree of accuracy



Financial Management of IDeA-CTRs - 2

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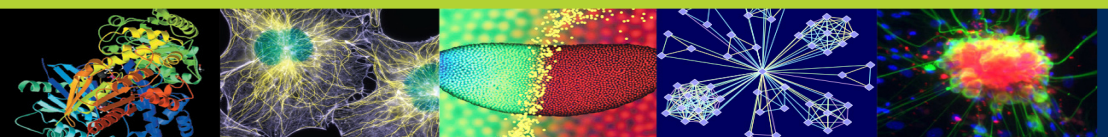

Application Instructions

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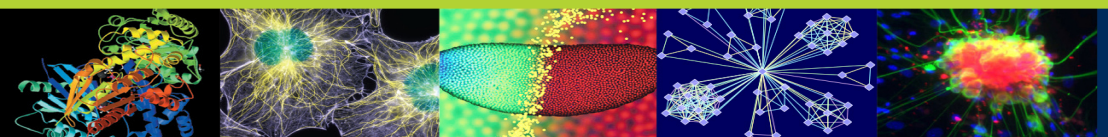
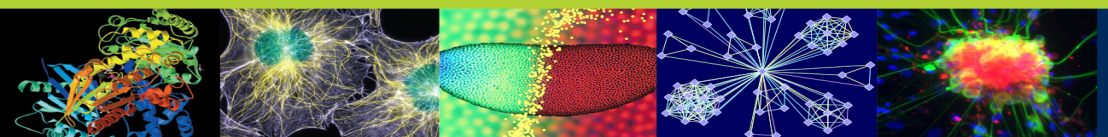


Overall - Background & Goal

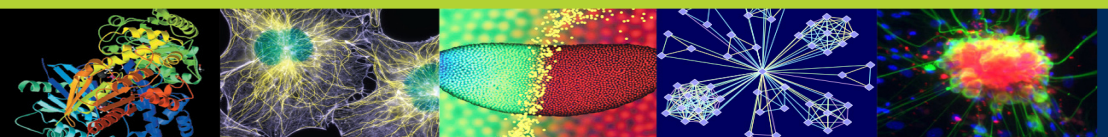
- Current landscape of C&T research infrastructure in the state(s)
  - Lead & Partner institutions: what each can contribute to C&T research and network
  - Lead institution: alignment of institution's strategic priorities with the goal of the IDeA-CTR
- Expected impact of the proposed IDeA-CTR
  - Impact on health conditions that disproportionately affect populations in the state(s)
  - Scientific and structural obstacles the CTR is expected to address
  - For applications from a CTSA state, describe the CTSA's effort and contributions on these fronts and provide justification for an additional C&T research network



Organizational Structure & Strategy

- Details of the structure and roles of each partner
  - Administrative and scientific relationships between the lead and partner institutions

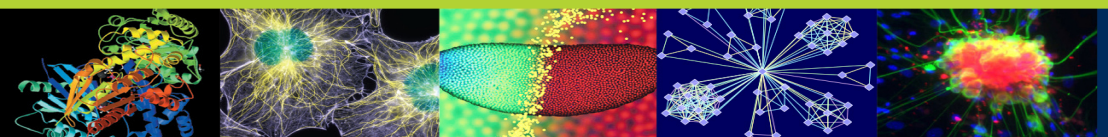
- Strategies to strengthen the network
  - Institution can be a partner in only one CTR
  - The CEO Core **requires** a PBRN component - Practice-Based Research Networks https://pbrn.ahrq.gov/



Institutional Letters of Support

From a senior official at *each* lead and partner institution

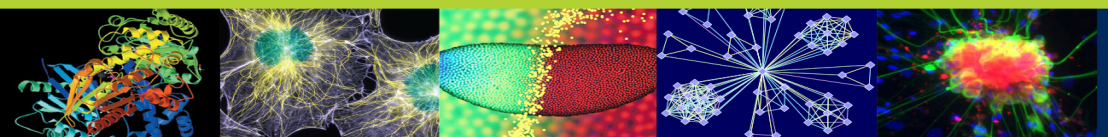
- Commit to goals of the IDeA-CTR
- Specify the institution's commitment to resources – some examples:
  - Financial, Space, Release Time, Personnel, Core Support
- Define the IDeA-CTR PI's authority/influence over resource commitments and the reporting line



Renewal: Progress and Accomplishments

- Progress on developing C&T research relative to baseline
  - Prior accomplishments and impact on the major health concerns
  - Administrative challenges and lessons learned

- Acknowledge changes in the participation of partner institutions



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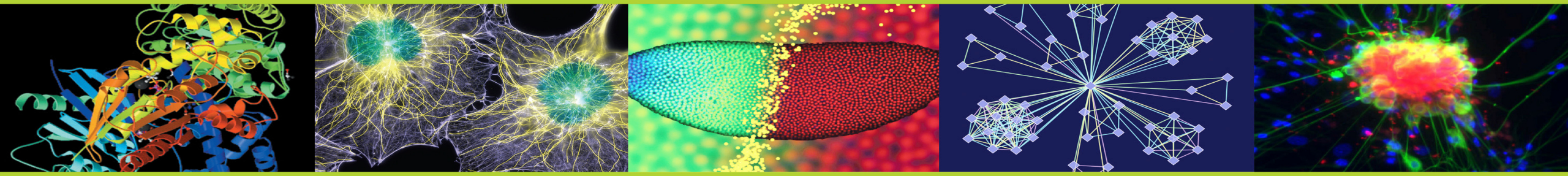
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