

# ITCR Monthly Teleconference

*May 1, 2020*

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# Administrative Updates

- Administrative supplement opportunities
- Virtual Annual meeting
- Updated process for reviewing set-aside proposals

# Supplement Opportunities

<https://itcr.cancer.gov/about-itcr/news/new-administrative-supplement-opportunities>

Opportunity	Purpose	Receipt Date
COVID-19 Research NOSI <a href="#">NOT-CA-20-042</a>	To better understand the impact of SARS-CoV-2 infection and its impact on cancer patients' disease progression, response to therapy, care delivery, or survivorship.	Accepted on a rolling basis through June 25, 2020.
IMAT-ITCR Collaborative Supplements ( <a href="#">details</a> )	To spur collaborations between ITCR investigators and investigators from the Innovative Molecular Analysis Technologies (IMAT) Program.	LOI: June 29, 2020 Applications: August 3, 2020
Childhood Cancer Data Supplements ( <a href="#">details</a> )	To support adaptations of informatics tools or methods specifically linked to use cases involving childhood cancer.	LOI: June 29, 2020 Applications: August 3, 2020
Software Tools for Open Science <a href="#">NOT-OD-20-073</a>	To help researchers who have developed scientifically valuable software to make the tools sustainable, contribute to open science, and to take advantage of new data science and computing paradigms.	May 15, 2020

[NOT-CA-20-054](#): Contributing to the Global COVID-19 Crisis Response by Allowing Some NCI-supported Projects to be Redirected to COVID-19-related Research During the Crisis

NCI will consider requests from its funded grantees and cooperative agreement awardees to engage in limited COVID-19 related research using part of their existing NCI-funded resources.

*Please see the text of the Notice for more details and direct inquiries to the Project Officer for your award*

# ITCR 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

May 26-28, 2020, 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

- Day 1
  - Welcome talk: Dr. Dinah Singer, Deputy Director, NCI
  - Talks by ITCR Investigators (6)
- Day 2
  - Remarks by Dr. Ned Sharpless, Director, NCI
  - Talks by ITCR Investigators (8)
- Day 3
  - Program updates
  - Talks by ITCR Investigators (8)

Agenda and WebEx details forthcoming

# Virtual Poster Session

- Record a 3 minute “pitch” highlighting some aspect of your project – ideally, collaboration opportunities
- Recordings by trainees are highly encouraged
- Submit your recording by May 20. No limit to the number from each group.
- Recordings will be shared with the group by May 22
- Voting for the best recording will take place in early June. Winners will be recognized at a subsequent teleconference.

Instructions for submitting recordings are forthcoming

# The NCI Technology Research Advocacy Partnership (NTRAP)

- More information at the Virtual Annual Meeting
- Sensitivity Expectations of Investigators to describe research that includes patients or patient samples

<https://cssi.cancer.gov/sites/default/files/Sensitivity-Expectations-of-IMAT-Investigators.pdf>

ITCR Annual  
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# ITCR Collaborative Set-Aside Proposal Review

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *ITCR Steering Committee*

Goal: Involve ITCR investigators in the review of collaborative project proposals

### Steering Committee Structure

- An ITCR Steering Committee will be established with 6 investigators and the NCI Coordinator
- Members will serve for 1 year
- A Chair will be selected by the Committee
- An NCI staff member will serve as the Executive Secretary of the SC and will manage operations of the committee

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *SC Schedule*

- SC will meet via teleconference on a quarterly basis (~March, June, September, December) – Dates to be published
- Proposals to be reviewed at that meeting will be due 1 month prior to the scheduled meeting
- Proposals not received by the deadline will be reviewed at the next SC meeting

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *Review Process*

- Two ITCR investigators, outside of the committee, will be selected to review a given proposal.
  - Reviewers will be anonymous to the SC
- Proposals will be provided to the reviewers 3 weeks before the meeting
- Written reviews from the reviewers will be made available to the SC one day prior to the meeting
- At the SC meeting, the Program Director(s) for the parent grant(s) present the proposal and the review to the SC
- The SC discusses the proposal and then makes a recommendation

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *Recommendations*

- Approve
  - Proceed as written
- Approve with Minor Modifications
  - Modifications can be reviewed and approved by the Program Director
- Approve with Major Modifications
  - Modifications are provided back to the SC for review and recommendations
- Disapprove
  - Investigator must submit a new proposal to be reviewed by the steering committee

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *Review Criteria*

- Significance
  - Potential impact of the proposed collaboration to cancer research
  - How the proposed work fulfills the goals of ITCR to enhance interoperability of informatics tools and resources and/or support the goals of a research project beyond the parent grant
  - Whether the proposed work will enhance the goals of the parent grant
- Innovation
  - The novelty or uniqueness of the collaboration and how the collaboration will address unmet needs
- Approach
  - Project a sound milestone plan
  - Provide a realistic scope of work, given the time and budget requested. Use of funds must be in line with [NIH policy](#).
  - Clearly document the contributions of each of the participating collaborative units and individual researchers.
- Investigators
  - The expertise of the proposed research/scientific team to conduct and achieve the goals of the collaborative activities.
  - Investigators and entities they represent must state their willingness to collaborate and share information
- Environment
  - Are the scientific environment and physical resources appropriate for the proposed activity?

# Collaborative set-aside proposal review

## *Code of Conduct*

SC members and external reviewers will be asked to adhere to a general code of conduct with the following principles:

- Confidentiality of reviews and review discussions
- While Conflict of Interest Rules associated with competitive funds do not apply here, SC members and reviewers are expected to conduct reviews in an impartial manner, maintaining focus on scientific rigor and impact

# Good-bye and hello

Thank you Mervi!



Welcome Kelly!

