

## What is the Trial Innovation Network?

The Trial Innovation Network (TIN) is a collaborative partnership with Investigators at the 60+ hubs in the national CTSA network. The vision of the TIN is to innovatively address critical roadblocks in multi-site clinical research and accelerate the translation of novel interventions into life-saving therapies.

The TIN focuses on operational innovation, operational excellence and collaboration, and will leverage the expertise and resources of the CTSA Program. There are **two ways** to get involved in the TIN:

- The local TIN Liaison Team will connect investigators with multi-site clinical trials initiated by other network sites.
- Investigators can submit their own proposals for multi-site trials to the TIN; the next page outlines how to submit.

## Three reasons why you should partner with the TIN

### 1 Operational Innovation

The TIN provides expert methodological and logistical guidance and draws on evidence-based strategies for success, which allows you to focus on the science.

### 2 Excellence

The TIN helps to improve the multi-center study process by leveraging the national CTSA network and taking advantage of established infrastructure.

### 3 Collaboration

The TIN connects you and your team with relevant experts, works in partnership with other NIH Institutes and Centers, and provides access to the entire CTSA network.

## The Trial Innovation Network is comprised of three Trial Innovation Centers, one Recruitment Innovation Center, and 60+ CTSA Hubs

### Trial Innovation Centers

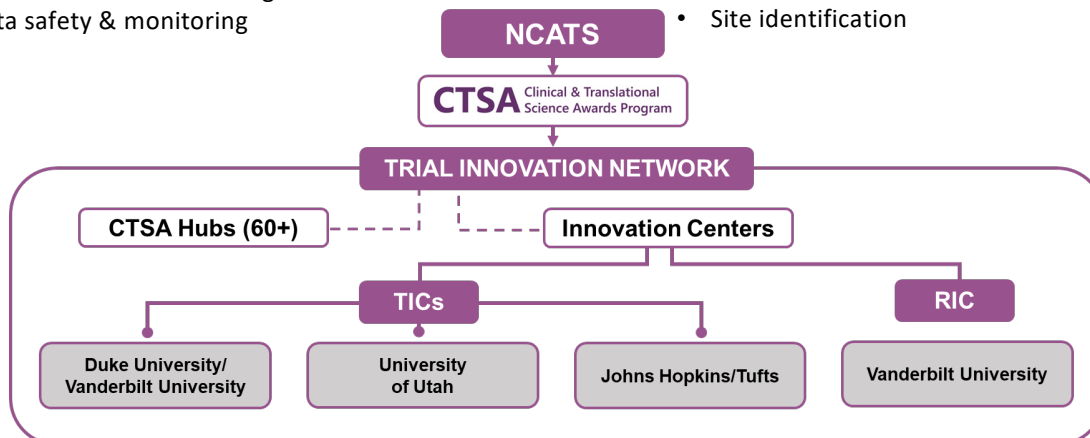
The three Trial Innovation Centers (TICs) are managed by Duke/Vanderbilt, Johns Hopkins/Tufts, and the University of Utah. They provide support in the following areas:

- Protocol development
- Study operations enhancement
- Trial budgeting guidance
- Regulatory agreements
- Data coordination & management
- Data safety & monitoring

### Recruitment Innovation Center

The Recruitment Innovation Center (RIC) is managed at Vanderbilt and is an evidence-based center in innovative trial recruitment and retention methods, tools, and strategies. The RIC provides support with:

- Community engagement studios
- Recruitment planning and feasibility assessment
- Recruitment materials
- EHR-based tools & resources
- Site identification



## What makes a good TIN submission?

- A **multi-site** clinical trial design (3+ institutions)
- Potential to demonstrate an **innovative operational approach**
- Opportunity to **foster broad collaboration** across the CTSA and NIH Institutes and Centers
- Includes **all populations** affected by the health condition being studied
- **Time** needed to collaborate prior to grant submission
  - 60 days to 180+ days, dependent on the level of support needed

## How do I submit a proposal to the TIN?

- 1 Connect with your CTSA TIN Liaison Team Point of Contact**  
Your liaison will connect you with local CTSA resources and resources from the TICs and RIC.
- 2 Discuss your Project with Local CTSA Leadership**  
Your liaison will help arrange a meeting with the local CTSA leadership to review your project.
- 3 Work with the Point of Contact to Submit the TIN Online Application**  
Within 5 business days from submission, you will be assigned to a TIC and/or RIC to arrange an initial consultation at no cost.

<https://med.stanford.edu/spectrum/ctsa-cores-and-programs/network-capacity-core.html>



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## What happens after my TIN submission?

Start Here

All applicants will receive an **initial consultation**. If applications require **additional resources**, an implementation plan will be developed for the approved resources. If a **comprehensive consultation** is needed, collaborative guidance for proposal development will be provided before submitting to funders.

