

The **Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI)** is a cross-school, campus-wide institute that provides infrastructure, services and training to support clinical and translational research at UCSF. The NIH-funded **Trial Innovation Network (TIN)** is a national collaborative initiative aimed at improving investigator-initiated multi-site trial operations by leveraging resources and the collective expertise of the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) consortium, which includes UCSF's CTSI.

### Who is eligible?

Investigators who are planning multi-site clinical trials or studies may be eligible to submit a request for TIN services. Prior to submitting a proposal to the TIN investigators must:

1. Leverage the local CTSA program (UCSF CTSI) resources and discuss the proposal with the UCSF CTSI point of contact:
  - CTSI Associate Director of Administration, Carmela Lomonaco: [carmela.lomonaco@ucsf.edu](mailto:carmela.lomonaco@ucsf.edu)
2. Receive approval from the CTSA Program Hub Principal Investigator, Harold Collard, MD

### What are some of the TIN resources and services I can benefit from?

- Consultations on study design, budget and feasibility
- Single IRB support, resources and tools, and web-based platform (IREx)
- Standard agreements
- Assessments of study recruitment and retention strategies and recruitment feasibility
- Evidence-based recruitment and retention plans/materials
- EHR-based cohort assessment for informing study design and site selection
- Assistance in identifying study sites across the United States
- Community engagement studio for meaningful involvement of diverse groups of stakeholders in the planning and implementation of research

### What makes an optimal proposal submission?

- Multi-site study design (3 or more institutions)
- Includes all populations affected by the health condition being studied. This should include women, racial/ethnic minorities and children.
- Opportunity to study an innovative operational approach to improve quality, efficiency, or cost of clinical research
- Opportunity to provide academic evidence to improve clinical trial designs, conduct, and reportability.

### Questions? Contact Us

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