

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
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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