

NCI CONNECTS

Committee ON NCI-Extramural Communication Tools and Support

New Grantee Workshop

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Welcome and Introductions



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Background

Why a Committee on NCI-Extramural Communication?

- Founded in 2020 by former Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) Director, Bob Croyle
- Focused on developing a suite of activities aimed at promoting exceptional levels of staff and investigator engagement
- Goal is to enhance satisfaction with NCI's grant-related communication and outreach policies, practices, and tools



CONNECTS Focus

To accomplish our mission, CONNECTS is focused on:

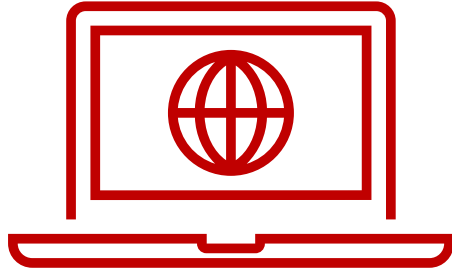
- 1. Developing methods for assessing satisfaction** with, and ways to improve, DCCPS communication practices, grant policy dissemination efforts, and related resources and tools among both the NCI-supported extramural investigator community and program directors (PDs)/analysts who communicate with grantees.
- 2. Optimizing and developing new policies, procedures, tools, and resources** that respond to extramural scientists' and program directors' feedback.
- 3. Periodically assessing satisfaction, eliciting feedback, and responding with changes to promote and maintain exceptional levels of engagement, satisfaction, and customer service** that meet the needs of both NCI's investigator community and program directors.

Short- and Long-term Goals for CONNECTS

- **Collect feedback** from investigators about their needs.
- **Improve the understanding** of the different grant mechanisms, processes, and roles and responsibilities of those involved.
- **Increase the transparency** around the grants process and what makes for a successful application.
- **Advance racial equity and social justice** in cancer care and research by supporting the ongoing efforts across DCCPS.
- **Conduct trainings** for the extramural community and staff and record them for on-demand viewing.
- **Enhance the websites** to make information easier to find and more accessible.

CONNECTS Activities

Resources Coming Soon



Informative DCCPS Funding-Related Webpages

- Awaiting Receipt of Application (ARA) Webpage
- Administrative Supplements

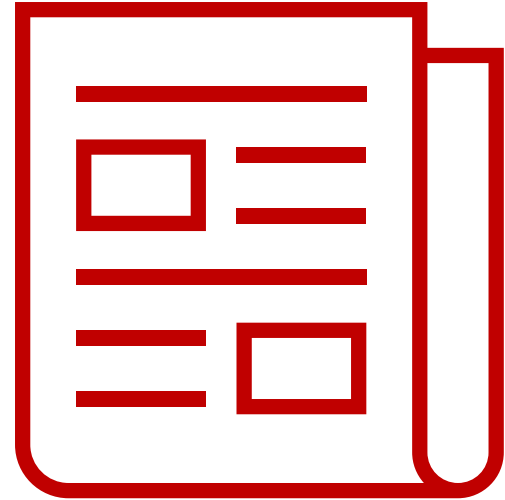


Other Funding Mechanism Resources

- R15 Fact Sheet and Webpage
- R50 Fact Sheet and Webpage

Future Activities

- R37 and Merit Extension Webpages
- Fact Sheets and Website resources for other funding mechanisms beyond R01
- Additional topics identified through an extramural engagement survey



Engagement Survey

2024 CONNECTS Engagement Survey

The purpose of the survey is to understand how DCCPS can:

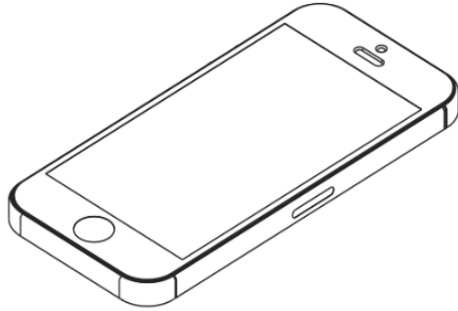
1. Increase the diversity of extramural grantees, both in the applicant pool and the diversity of those granted funding
2. Enhance engagement (e.g., awareness and knowledge of and relationship with DCCPS and grant funding mechanisms, trainings, and scientific information)
3. Maximize resources to enhance the products and efforts CONNECTS undertakes

Engagement Survey

We will need your participation!

- Survey will be widely distributed through DCCPS listservs, on social media, and more
- Will open for responses in early 2024
- Complete the survey and share with colleagues who hold or are interested in pursuing NCI funding

Engagement and Discussion



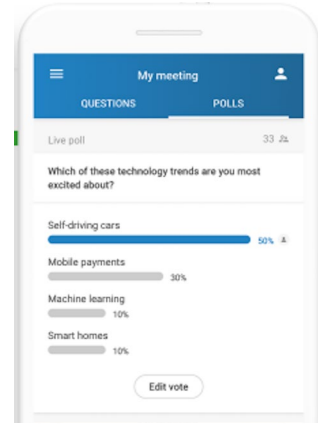
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Have you used DCCPS tools and resources for applying for grants? If so, what has been helpful?

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When you were applying for your R01 or R37 award, what questions did you have or supports did you need?

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As a new grantee, looking towards the next 5 years, what are resources and tools you would find helpful to support the management of your grant?

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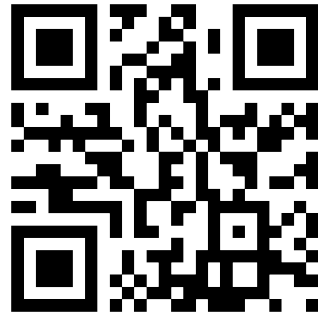
THANK YOU and Let's Stay Connected!

- Questions? Suggestions? Contact: April Oh April.oh@nih.gov or Nancy Byrne Nancy.byrne@icfnnext.com

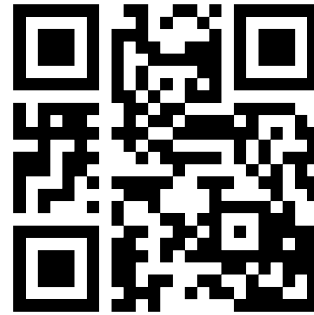
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