



# **Update from NIGMS**

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# **COVID-19 – Urgent Competitive Revisions**

- NIGMS issued 2 Notices of Special Interest (<u>NOT-GM-20-025, NOT-GM-20-027</u>) to support areas of critical research need related to COVID-19:
  - Research on modeling and forecasting the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and the effects of possible intervention strategies
  - Repurposing of diagnostics or therapeutics currently under development by small businesses for use against COVID-19

NIGMS has made 32 awards to 26 projects, with an investment of nearly \$10M

 $\odot$  5 to IDeA state institutions for a total of \$2.2M



### **Additional NIGMS IDeA COVID-19 Supplement Programs**

- NOT-GM-21-031: Urgent Competitive Revisions to IDeA and NARCH Programs for SARS-CoV-2 Surveillance Studies
  - o 21 awards, \$15 million

- NOT-GM-21-021: Urgent Competitive Revisions to IDeA and NARCH Programs to Address SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Hesitancy
  - o 7 awards, \$2 million



#### IDeA COVID-19 Registry & National COVID Cohort Collaborative

- N3C: A national repository of COVID-19 clinical data
  - Federated data model with data harmonized via AI/ML and NLP
  - Encourages collaboration and provides data science help to researchers
- 8 IDeA-CTRs stood up a COVID-19 Registry that became a component of the N3C
  - An electronic health record (EHR)-based data hub for COVID-19 research
  - Viral genome data and clinical imaging data to be integrated
  - More CTRs to be added
- CTR data ensures inclusion of rural and underserved populations in N3C





N3C Data Enclave Lab-confirmed Negative Lab-confirmed Positive **Statistics** White -Release Set: July 15, 2021 White -Black -Black -**Sites:** 56 **Persons:** 6.5 million Missing -Missing -**COVID+ Cases:** 2,177,828 Total Number of Data Rows: 7.2 billion Asian – Asian **Clinical Observations:** 597.6 million Other -Other -Lab Results: 3.5 billion Missing/Unknown Missing/Unknown Hispanic or Latino Hispanic or Latino Medication Records: 1.2 billion NHPI-NHPI-Not Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino **Procedures:** 344.84 million 900k 200k 400k 200k 400k Visits: 322.3 million (NHPI - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander) (NHPI - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander)



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#### Can We Build on this CTR-CTSA Partnership?

- HUGE need for better ways to harmonize, share and use electronic health record (EHR) and other clinical data for research
- Could the N3C partnership form the starting point for a national EHR data resource for research, beyond just COVID-19-related information?









#### Post Acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (PASC) Study of Long-term Effects

- Expansion of the IDeA Registry to ISCORE, the IDeA States Consortium for Clinical Research
- Selected for funding as an PASC Adult Clinical Recovery Cohort
- DE-CTR participating in a PASC Pediatric Clinical Recovery Cohort



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<b>RECOVER</b> Initiative Components			
SARS-CoV-2 Recovery Meta-Cohort	Investigator Consortium		
<ul> <li>Clinical Recovery Cohort (Adult, Peds, and Pregnancy)</li> <li>Autopsy Cohort (Acute and PASC)</li> <li>EHR-/ Other Real-World Data- Based Studies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cross-disciplinary investigator teams will work together to:         <ul> <li>Achieve speed and scale/breadth</li> <li>Implement common data elements and adaptive Master Protocols</li> <li>Conduct systematic screening and in-depth follow-up evaluations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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#### **RADx-UP Phase I Snapshot: 70 Funded Sites and Research Projects**

Funded sites and research projects span a total of **31 states** in addition to DC and Puerto Rico and include **54 institutions**.

Awards were distributed among **16 Institutes and Centers** across the NIH.









#### **RADx-UP Phase I Awards to IDeA Grantees**

Grant Numer	PI Name(s)	Institution	Total Costs (2-yr)
<u>3P20GM103653-09S1</u>	HARRINGTON, MELISSA A; DILLARD, DOROTHY; GOODMAN, XUANREN	DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY	\$1,129,224
<u>3P20GM104417-07S1</u>	ADAMS, ALEXANDRA K	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY - BOZEMAN	\$1,797,141
<u>3P30GM114737-05S1</u>	YANAGIHARA, RICHARD (contact); SY, ANGELA U; TAUASOSI, TINA ; WANG, WEI- KUNG	UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA	\$1,437,920
<u>3U54GM104938-08S1</u>	JAMES, JUDITH A	UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HLTH SCIENCES CTR	\$4,999,993
<u>3U54GM104940-05S3</u>	KIRWAN, JOHN P ; KATZMARZYK, PETER TODD	LSU PENNINGTON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CTR	\$1,923,930
<u>3U54GM104942-05S3</u>	HODDER, SALLY LYNN	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY	\$4,998,604
<u>3U54GM115677-05S1</u>	PADBURY, JAMES F	BROWN UNIVERSITY	\$1,673,494



#### ACTIV Trials in IDeA States: Status as of July 22, 2021





# **Lessons Learned from ACTIV Trials**

- Very large heterogeneity in IDeA states' abilities to support large scale clinical trials
- Some states said they still did not have the capacity to do major clinical trials at all
- Some states said they could not join the ACTIV trials because their capacity was already being used for other trials
  - Were the other trials as valuable nationally or to the state's population as the ACTIV trials would have been?





# Cloud Computing Resources for IDeA States and Minority-Serving Institutions

- The cloud can help democratize highperformance computing and artificial intelligence-based research
- The NIH STRIDES program provides discounted cloud services and training through Google, AWS and Microsoft
- What are IDeA state needs and challenges for cloud-based data science and computational research?



https://datascience.nih.gov/strides



# **Cloud Computing RFI and Workshop**

- RFI Seek input on current and future needs and utilization of cloud computing from institutions within IDeA-eligible states, RCMIs, and MSIs.
  - Released: July 8, 2021
  - Response period: July 8-September 30, 2021

- NIH Workshop on Broadening Cloud Computing Usage in Biomedical Research (Sept 13 – 14, 2021)
  - Website for meeting registration will be available soon
  - Participants in breakout sessions will be selected from attendees



### Cloud Computing Training for INBREs & NIGMS Diversity Programs

- 30 Free Cloud Training days, 15 by Amazon, 15 by Google
  - Three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced (at least half at the beginner's level)
  - 15 17 students per day (~ 500 total training seats)
    - 2 Training Sessions conducted in June 32 participants
    - 6 Training Sessions on going 100 participants
    - 11 Training Sessions scheduled in August 200 participants
    - 11 more to be scheduled in the Fall
  - $\odot$  ~ 90 Institutions signed-up so far.
  - To sign up, contact: <u>lakshmi.matukumalli@nih.gov</u>



# Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers (MOSAIC)

Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00) – <u>PAR-19-343</u> Institutionally Focused Research Education Cooperative Agreement to Promote Diversity (UE5) – <u>PAR-19-342</u>





# **Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) Program**

Purpose: to develop and sustain research excellence of faculty at under-resourced institutions that serve underrepresented and socioeconomically disadvantaged students

- PAR-21-169: Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) Award (R16)
  - For investigators with no other NIH research funding. \$100K DC/yr, 4 years, renewable
- PAR-21-173: Support for Research Excellence First Independent Research (SuRE-First) Award (R16)
  - For investigators with no prior research funding. \$125K DC/yr, 4 years, mentored, not renewable

#### PAR-21-227: Resource Center for the Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) Program (U24)

• To build administrative infrastructure, thus broadening participation. \$750K DC/yr, 5 years



# **New Features of the SuRE Program**

#### R16s replace SCORE awards: focus is on supporting research excellence in eligible institutions,

#### which includes many INBRE institutions

- Require participation of students in funded research
- Require applicant institutions to have a strategic plan for developing research capacity and culture
- Uses publicly available data to determine institutional eligibility
  - Receive < \$6 M/year TC from NIH Research Project Grants
  - Enroll ≥ 25% undergrads supported by Pell grants <u>or</u> are medical/health professional schools founded to educate students from nationally underrepresented backgrounds

#### A new U24 resource center to <u>serve</u> SuRE-eligible institutions and applicants

- Build/strengthen Offices of Sponsored Programs (OSPs) through a seed grant program
- Provide administrative training by Center staff and regional outreach coordinators
- Track institutions' progress in research capacity building and its own service efficacy



### **MIRA Makes Up an Increasingly Large Share of NIGMS Grants**





# The Majority of NIGMS ESIs Are Being Funded by MIRAs





#### A Broadly-Focused COBRE Is Probably Better than a Narrowly-Focused One

#### Broadly-focused COBREs

○ More effective in building research capacity – e.g., through hiring of sufficient junior faculty

- Bigger pool of compelling candidates for Research Project leaders more sustainable program with stronger position for renewal
- Broader appeal to students and postdocs
- Stronger rational for securing institutional support from department chairs and deans align with institutional strategic goals



# **The IDeA State Biomedical R&D Pipeline**







# **Questions or Comments?**



