2023 TMRC Opportunity Fund

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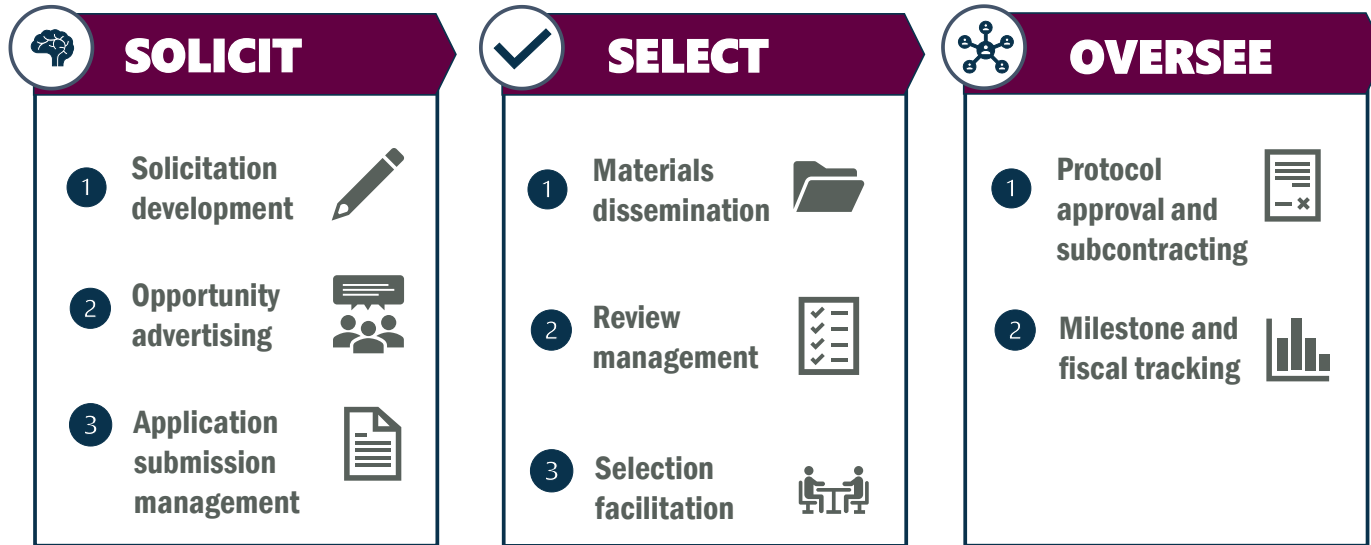Support, train, and mentor next generation of NTD researchers.

Leverage TMRC expertise, field sites, existing specimens, and collected data to conduct pilot studies.

Scope of research limited to NTD that is being studied at collaborating TMRC for each submission.

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Opportunity Fund Management

- The TMRC Coordinating Center (TMRC CC), led by RTI International, serves as the operational hub and supports administration of the Opportunity Fund.

- Questions about the Opportunity Fund should be sent to tmrc-info@rti.org.

SOLICIT

1. Solicitation development
2. Opportunity advertising
3. Application submission management

SELECT

1. Materials dissemination
2. Review management
3. Selection facilitation

OVERSEE

1. Protocol approval and subcontracting
2. Milestone and fiscal tracking

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Examples of research this program would consider:

- Retrospective study using already captured data for publication.

- Studies of a cohort nested within a parent study.

- Characterizing pathogens from existing specimens.

- Purchasing supplies to conduct additional analyses on existing specimens.

- Supporting study results dissemination and manuscript publication.

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Examples of research NOT considered:

Human subjects research requiring new IRB approval	Clinical trials	Animal study requiring new IACUC approval	Topics not within TMRC Network scope

Conduct/ attendance of workshops or trainings	Salary supplement	Research within US Life Sciences DURC Policy or HHS P3CO Framework

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Eligibility

- International and U.S. researchers who are in the early stage of their careers

- Submissions will be completed by the primary TMRC
  - o Named investigator should be an existing collaborator on the TMRC's currently funded project
  - o Each center may submit <u>multiple</u> applications but ultimately it is anticipated that only one application per TMRC at most will be funded
  - o Limited to two performance sites

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TMRC Engagement

TMRCs are expected to work closely with selected applicants on their application.	• Provide support on grantsmanship, biostatistics, and other application needs. • Application process is considered part of the capacity-building.
Each applicant must include a Letter of Collaboration from the affiliated TMRC.	• See submission guidelines (page 5) for letter requirements.

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Funding

Type	Grant with Milestones
Mechanism	Subaward to TMRC by RTI International
Period of Performance	12 Months
Total Cost (Direct and Indirect)	Maximum of $10,000 USD per application per TMRC

- For Co-PIs across TMRCs, each TMRCs would each receive a subaward, with the total funding for the combined award not exceeding $20,000.

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Submission and Review Dates

Call for Research Concept Release	**February 17, 2023**
Webinar for Opportunity Fund	**February 23, 2023 (8am EST)**
Deadline for Questions	**March 8, 2023**
Response to Questions Available	**March 15, 2023**
Research Concept Deadline	**April 3, 2023**
Distribution of Invitation for Full White Paper Application	**May 26, 2023**
Deadline for Full White Paper Application	**June 23, 2023**
Notification of Award	**July 14, 2023**

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Application Process

1 — Information Dissemination

Informational Webinar
- February 23, 2023

FAQs
- March 8, 2023: Question deadline (tmrc-info@rti.org)
- March 15, 2023: FAQs posted (https://tmrc-network.org/opportunity-fund)

2 — Research Concept Presentation

Brief Written Concept
- April 3, 2023: deadline
- Contents
  - Title
  - Investigator(s)
  - Affiliated TMRC
  - Research Description
  - Budget Description

SAG Meeting Presentation
- May 2023
- Template to be provided

3 — Full White Paper Application

Invitation to Submit
- May 26, 2023

Full Application
- June 23, 2023: deadline
- Contents
  - Cover Sheet & Title
  - Personnel
  - Aims & Detailed Research Plans
  - Budget
  - Supporting Documentation

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Award Process

Award Notification: July 14, 2023

- Notified by TMRC CC via email
- Applicants required to respond with their acceptance and intent to conduct proposed work

First Quarterly/Kick-Off Meeting

Subaward Negotiations

- U.S. government approvals and Foreign Clearance (~1-3 months)
- Regulatory approval and documentation (no later than 2 months after award notice)

Public Award Announcement

- Awarded studies will be featured on TMRC Network website and network-wide email

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Post-Award Activities

Invoicing — Payment schedules will be defined during subaward negotiations.

Data Sharing — Awardees and the TMRC CC will establish infrastructure for data sharing.

Reporting — One interim progress report (6-month) and a final report (12-month) will be required.

Scientific Publications — Awardees are required to cite collaborating TMRC and TMRC CC awards in resulting products.

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