2024 TMRC Opportunity Fund

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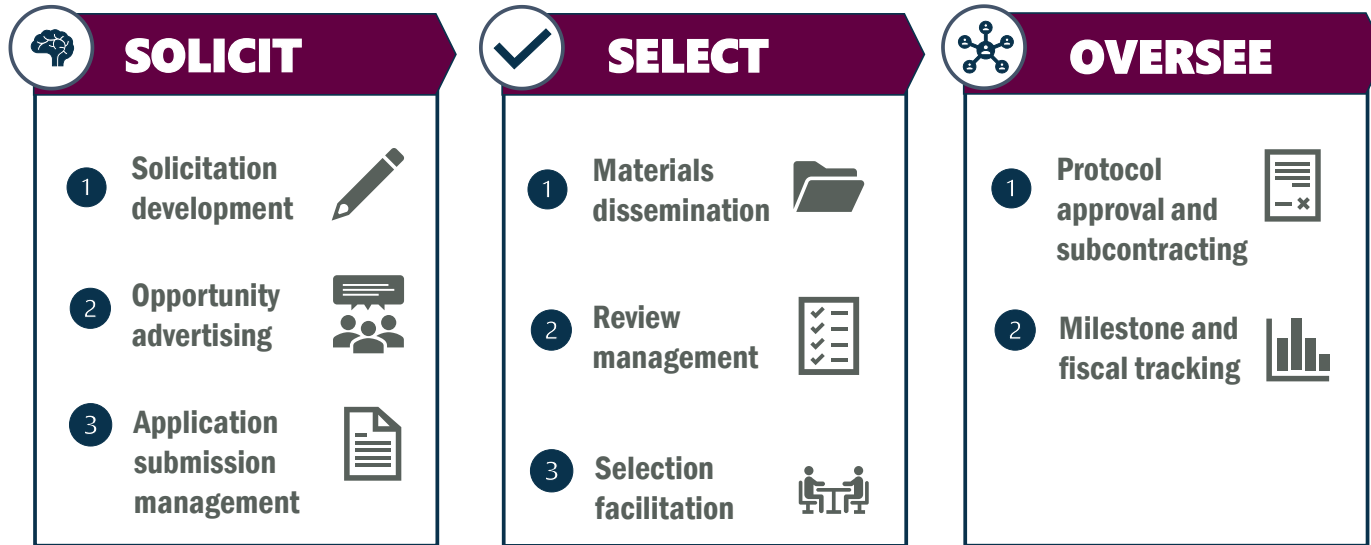Support, train, and mentor next generation of NTD researchers.

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.

Studying the effects of climate change on NTDs

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

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>one</u> application
  - o Limited to two performance sites

- 2023 awardees are not eligible for 2024 funds

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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 10) 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	August 6, 2024
Webinar for Opportunity Fund	August 21, 2024 (8am EST)
Deadline for Questions	August 30, 2024
Response to Questions Available	September 9, 2024
Research Application Due	October 7, 2024
Research Application Presentation to the Scientific Advisory Group	November 11-12, 2024 (Annual Meeting)
Distribution of Award Letter (with Recommendations if applicable)	November 18, 2024

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Application Process

1. Information Dissemination

Informational Webinar

- August 21, 2024

FAQs

- August 30, 2024: Question deadline (tmrc-info@rti.org)
- September 9, 2024: FAQs posted (https://tmrc-network.org/opportunity-fund)

2. Research Application

Full Application

- October 7, 2024: deadline
- Contents
  - Cover Sheet & Title
  - Personnel
  - Aims & Detailed Research Plans
  - Budget
  - Supporting Documentation

3. Award Notice

Annual Meeting Presentation

- November 11-12, 2024: slide deadline of October 21, 2024
- Template to be provided

Distribution of Award Letter

- November 18, 2024
- Recommendations from NIAID and the SAG may be included and must be addressed for subcontracts to be executed.

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Award Process

Award Notification: November 18, 2024

- Notified by TMRC CC via email
- Applicants required to respond with their acceptance and intent to conduct proposed work
- There may be recommendations from NIAID and/or the SAG that must be addressed in the protocol before the subaward process can begin.

Kick-Off Meeting

- Review SAG/NIAID feedback
- Next steps and responsible parties

Subaward Negotiations

- U.S. government approvals and Foreign Clearance (~3 months)
- Regulatory approval and documentation (1-2 months after award notice)

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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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