

# **Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences: Committee ON NCI-Extramural Communication Tools and Support (CONNECTS)**

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**PURPOSE:** To identify and discuss NCI Need-to-Know Grant-Related Resources to enhance success in grants management across the lifespan of an NCI research grant award.

Despite the growing body of online National Cancer Institute (NCI) grant related resources, additional, more targeted support is often needed for extramural scientists to be successful across the lifespan of the grants process and to guide NCI staff in advising applicants and grantees. The Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) Committee ON NCI-Extramural Communication Tools and Support (CONNECTS) working group is dedicated to improving staff and investigator engagement and satisfaction with NCI grant-related communication and outreach policies, practices, and tools. Through this interactive poster CONNECTS members will actively engage extramural researchers and staff who are involved in various stages of the grant application, funding and management process. This engagement encompasses describing and sharing useful resources from the initial application development, through the submission and peer review process, to the final selection for award, and the subsequent monitoring of performance and progress.

## **Poster Session Highlights:**

During this interactive poster session, participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Explore Grant Lifecycle Resources: Gain insights into the complete grant lifecycle, from the submission of applications to post-award monitoring, and understand the roles and responsibilities of NCI staff at each stage.
2. Enhance Engagement: Foster communication between extramural researchers and NCI staff to enable effective stewardship of research and successful completion of study aims, ultimately advancing the science and practice of cancer prevention and control.
3. Stay Informed: Stay updated on the latest developments, policies, and tools in grant management to ensure efficient and effective research administration.

## **Conclusion:**

Through this interactive poster session, we aim to create a dynamic and informative platform that brings together researchers involved in grant management. By promoting communication and knowledge sharing, we believe this session will contribute to the continuous improvement of the grant management process and, ultimately, the advancement of scientific research.