

ALL ABOUT THE CTSA TRIAL INNOVATION NETWORK



What is the CTSA Trial Innovation Network (TIN)?

Established by the National Center for Advancing Clinical and Translational Science (NCATS) as part of its Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program, the TIN is a national initiative with a vision—to remove the major roadblocks in clinical research and so accelerate the translation of novel interventions into life-saving therapies.

To achieve its vision, the TIN leverages the expertise and resources of CTSA Hubs, such as the CCTS, to improve the **operational innovation, excellence, and collaboration of clinical trials**. The TIN also functions as a “national laboratory to study, understand, and innovate the process of conducting clinical trials.”

In addition to CTSA Hubs, the TIN partners with Trial Innovation Centers (TICs) and a Recruitment Innovation Center (RIC) to develop and share clinical research best practices.



What Can the TIN Do for Me?

The TIN’s goal is to execute trials better, faster, and more cost efficiently—to this end, it provides investigators with cutting-edge supports, such as a centralized IRB process and sample subaward contract agreements, to reduce time to activation for your multi-site trial.

TIN also offers an initial consult to discuss the specific services needed for your trial (whether funded or in the planning stages)—you will hear back in as few as five days!



How Do I Get Started?

Prior to submitting a proposal to the TIN, the CCTS TIN Liaison Team will work with you to ensure your study’s

- design is rigorous
- activation, recruitment, and retention plans are feasible
- data management standards will enable the use of your outcomes for comparative effectiveness research (a TIN requirement)



The CCTS TIN Liaison Team can also connect you to our [Southeast Health Alliance for Research \(SHARe\) consortium](#), which provides the opportunity to expand the reach of studies to include special populations across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, a region diverse in ancestry, gender, geographic residence, socioeconomic status, and disease burden.

Questions?

For more information, visit our [CCTS TIN page](#) or email CCTS TIN Program Manager Frannie Horn at fhorn@uab.edu.