



Beyond Research: Building a Business

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New Support for Awardees

Technical and Business Assistance (TABA)

**TABA Needs
Assessment**



TABA Funding
(requested in grant application)

Education

I-Corps at NIH *Phase I

Concept to Clinic:
Commercializing Innovation
(C3i) Program

Funding and Support

CRP Funding *Phase II/IIB

Regulatory & Business
Development Consultants

Partnering and Investment Opportunities

Company Showcase



<https://sbir.nih.gov/support-for-awardees>



The Technical and Business Assistance (TABA) Program helps small businesses identify and address their most pressing product development needs.

Enables companies to:

- Make better technical decisions
- Solve technical problems that are beyond the scope of the funded R&D
- Minimize technical risks
- Commercialize the product



- Grantees may request TABA Funding as part of their grant or as a supplement ([NOT-OD-21-062](#))
- TABA costs **may not** exceed:
 - \$6,500 in additional funding **per year** for a Phase I
 - \$50,000 in additional funding **per project period** for a Phase II



- Institutes/Centers can set individual budget and TABA guidelines
- Projects that are awarded TABA Funding **cannot** use centralized TABA Programs (TABA Needs Assessment) during that SBIR/STTR Project Phase

Support subcontractor or consultants for:

- Assistance with product sales,
- Intellectual property protections,
- Market research and/or validation,
- Development of regulatory plans,
- Development of manufacturing plans,
- Access to technical and business literature available through on-line databases.

Funding cannot support:

- Activities done by:
 - Recipient small business
 - Affiliates/investors
 - R&D subcontractor/consultant
- Contributions to the SBIR/STTR fee
- Activities outside the scope of the award
- Contingency costs or costs associated with the award R&D
- Audit or Bookkeeping services

Help small businesses identify and address their most pressing product development needs.

TABA Needs
Assessment Report



- ✓ Validates request for TABA funding
- ✓ Helps Company write a strong Phase II Commercialization Plan

- Summary Analysis/Company Summary
- Target Market Attractiveness
- Technology and Market Needs
- Regulatory/Clinical
- Business Model Profitability
- Reimbursement
- Competitive Advantages/Intellectual Property
- Market Access/Sales and Marketing Strategy
- Management Team
- Strategic Partners
- Funding Status
- Recommended Actions/Plan

110 companies participating since launch in November of 2020.



**“Information received
was critically helpful in
our business plan.”**



**“It is like having a
professional roadmap.”**

<https://sbir.nih.gov/support-for-awardees/taba-needs-assessment>

Eligibility:

SBIR or STTR recipients (grant or contract) with:

- Active NIH Phase I or Phase II OR
- Within two years of the completion of an NIH Phase I



- Projects that received Niche Assessment or TABA Funding in the Phase I are **ineligible**
- Participation in other Support Programs (e.g., I-Corps at NIH or C3i) **does not** make a company ineligible



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Technical and Business Assistance - Needs Assessment

The TABA Needs Assessment Report provides a third party, unbiased assessment of your progress in 10 technical and business areas that are critical to success in the competitive healthcare marketplace:

- Target Market Attractiveness
- Technology and Market Needs
- Regulatory/Clinical
- Business Model Profitability
- Reimbursement
- Competitive Advantage and Intellectual Property
- Market Access/Sales and Marketing Strategy
- Management Team
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The report will also suggest the highest priority steps you can take to improve the commercial potential of your product or service. The TABA Needs Assessment is performed by Vikriti Management Consulting on behalf of NIH and a sample report may be found here. There is no cost for this report and the time commitment for participation is minimal - selected companies are required to participate in a small number of information gathering interviews with Vikriti's team of commercialization experts and a feedback session. Needs Assessment Reports will be completed in 2-3 months.

Eligibility: Companies that have held an active Phase I SBIR/STTR grant or contract within the past two years

Deadline: The Needs Assessment Program will be open throughout the year. Requests will be reviewed on a monthly basis with notification of status within 60 days of submission.

Learn more about the TABA Needs Assessment Report

[Register for the webinar today!](#)

**Request a Needs
Assessment Report**

- Open all year
- **MUST** submit a request at:
<https://sbir.nih.gov/support-for-awardees/taba-needs-assessment>
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I-Corps at NIH

MICHAEL WEINGARTEN
SBIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

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I-CORPS AT NIH



- Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) [PA-19-029](#)
- Intensive **Entrepreneurial Immersion** course aimed at providing teams with skills and strategies to reduce commercialization risk
- Curriculum emphasizes **Reaching out to Customers** to test hypotheses about the market(s) for the technology
- Teams are expected to conduct over **100 interviews** in 8 weeks
- Format is focused on **Experiential Learning**
- NCI SBIR designed, launched, and manages the program for NIH
- 24 Institutes at NIH and CDC participate










<https://sbir.cancer.gov/icorps>

TOP 10

STARTUP MISTAKES

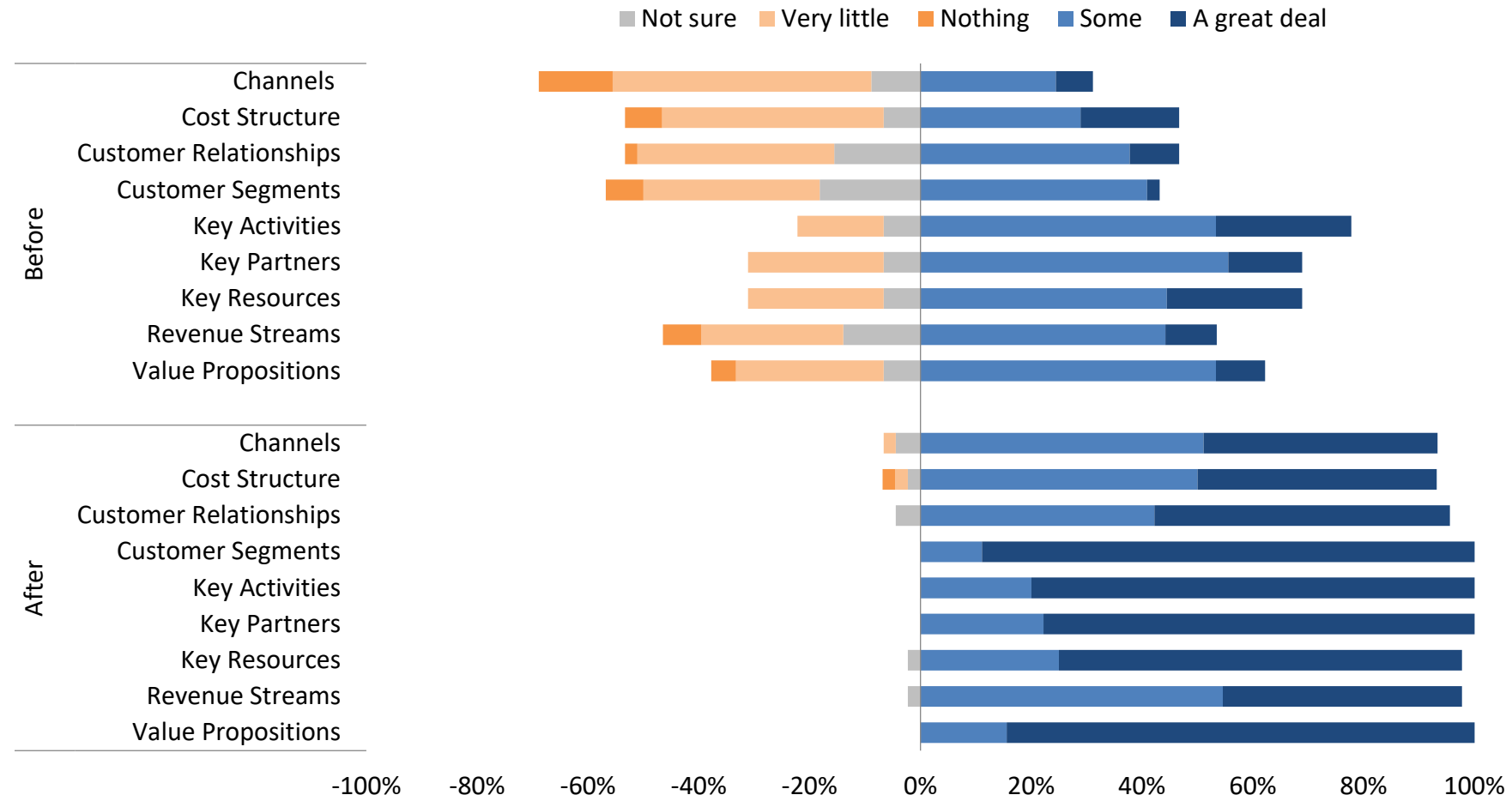


Commercialization Plan – Business Model Canvas

Key Partners 	Key Activities 	Value Propositions 	Customer Relationships 	Customer Segments 
	Key Resources 		Channels 	
Cost Structure 			Revenue Streams 	

Business Model Canvas Knowledge

Please rate the following components of the I-Corps course to date in terms of their impact on your team's learning.



I-CORPS CASE STUDY - MEDABLE

I-CORPS
at NIH

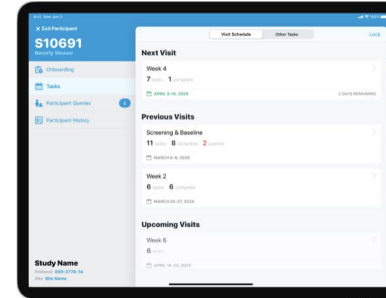
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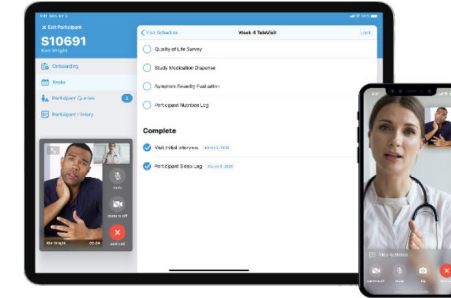
Ingrid Oakley-Girvan
SVP, Research and Strategy
I-Corps at NIH – 2018



Informed consents with
Medable TeleConsent



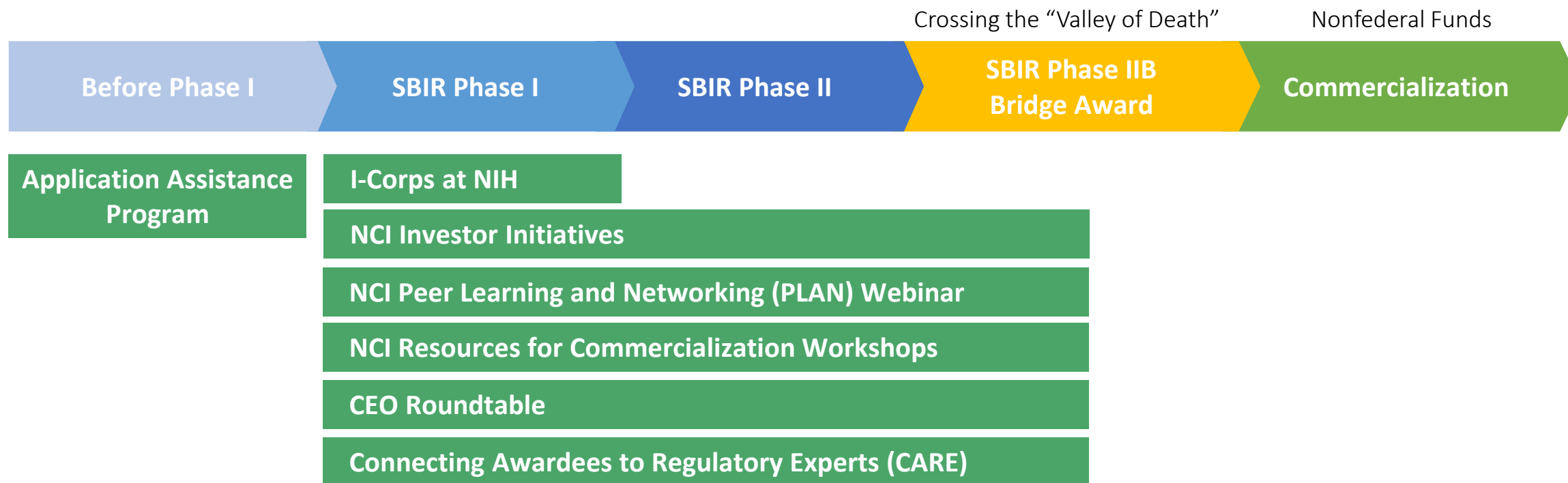
Clinical Outcome Assessments with
Medable TeleCOA



Onsite visits with
Medable TeleVisit

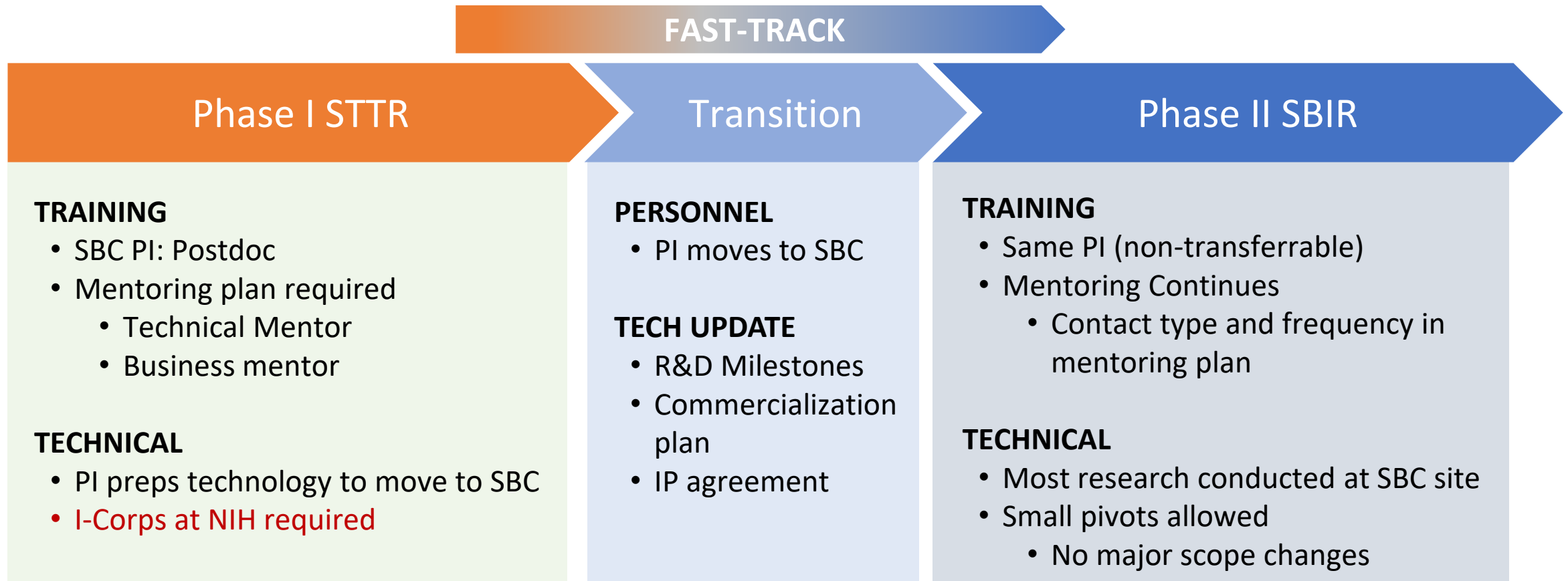
- Validated areas of unmet need as opportunities; 4+ new commercial apps
- New TeleVisit™ mobile app enables clinical trial research to progress in a social distancing setting and is used by leading biopharma sponsors and clinical research organizations worldwide
- Secured \$91 million in Series C funding and has raised more than \$136 million to date.

NCI SBIR ASSISTANCE




<https://sbir.cancer.gov/resources>

2020 NEW OPPORTUNITY I: SMALL BUSINESS TRANSITION GRANT



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NCI SBIR provides
funding, mentoring & networking assistance
for small businesses with next-generation cancer technologies.





HHS Small Business Conference

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INNOVATION OFFICE
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

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NHLBI's Mission

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) provides global leadership for a **research, training, and education** program to promote the **prevention and treatment of heart, lung, and blood diseases** and enhance the health of all individuals so that they can live longer and more fulfilling lives.

NHLBI's Strategic Goals:

Understand
Human
Biology

Reduce
Human
Disease

Develop
Workforce &
Resources

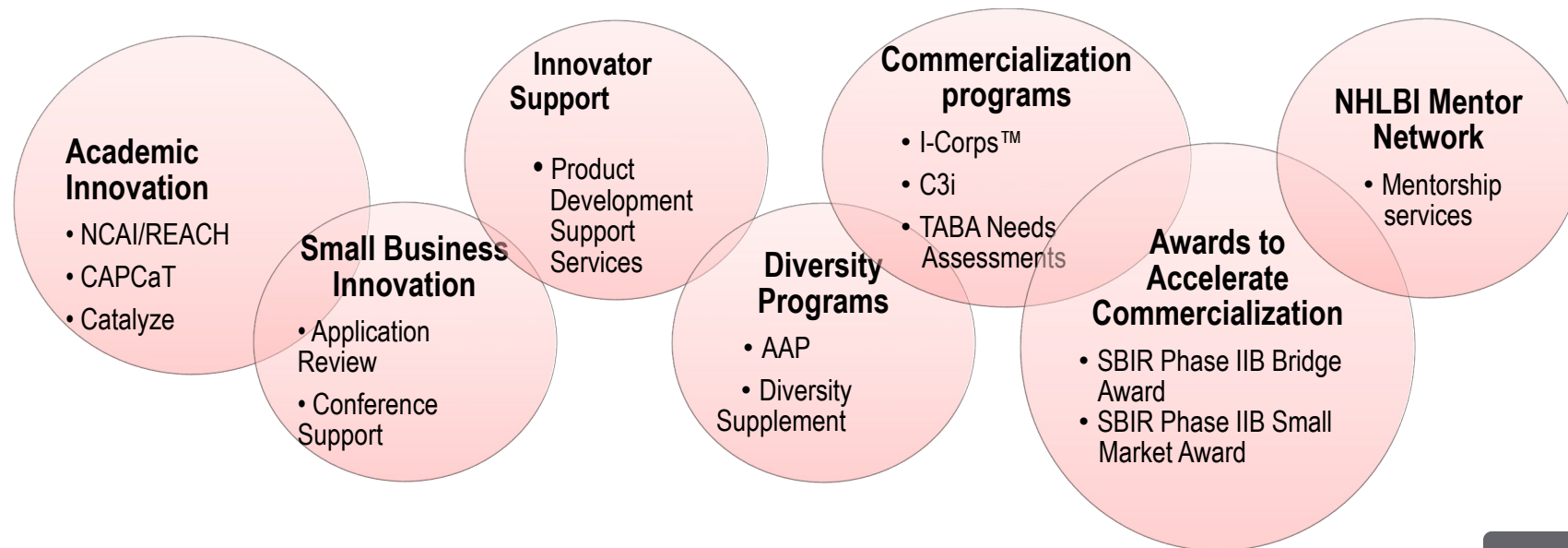
Advance
Translational
Research

Innovation office supports advancing translational research

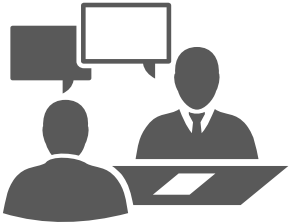
NHLBI Continuum of Support

Funding and Support for NHLBI Innovators

- Supports the NHLBI innovator community to validate and advance discoveries to products that improve patient care and health.
- Develop relationships with strategic partners and build opportunities for NHLBI innovators to further their product development efforts.



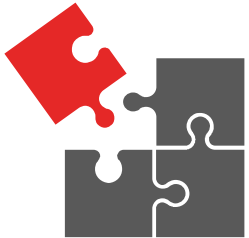
NHLBI Innovation Office Support Services



One on One Advisory Services

Contact NHLBI specialists with specific questions:

- *SBIR/STTR applications*
- *Regulatory*
- *Business development*
- *Intellectual property*



Product Development Support Services

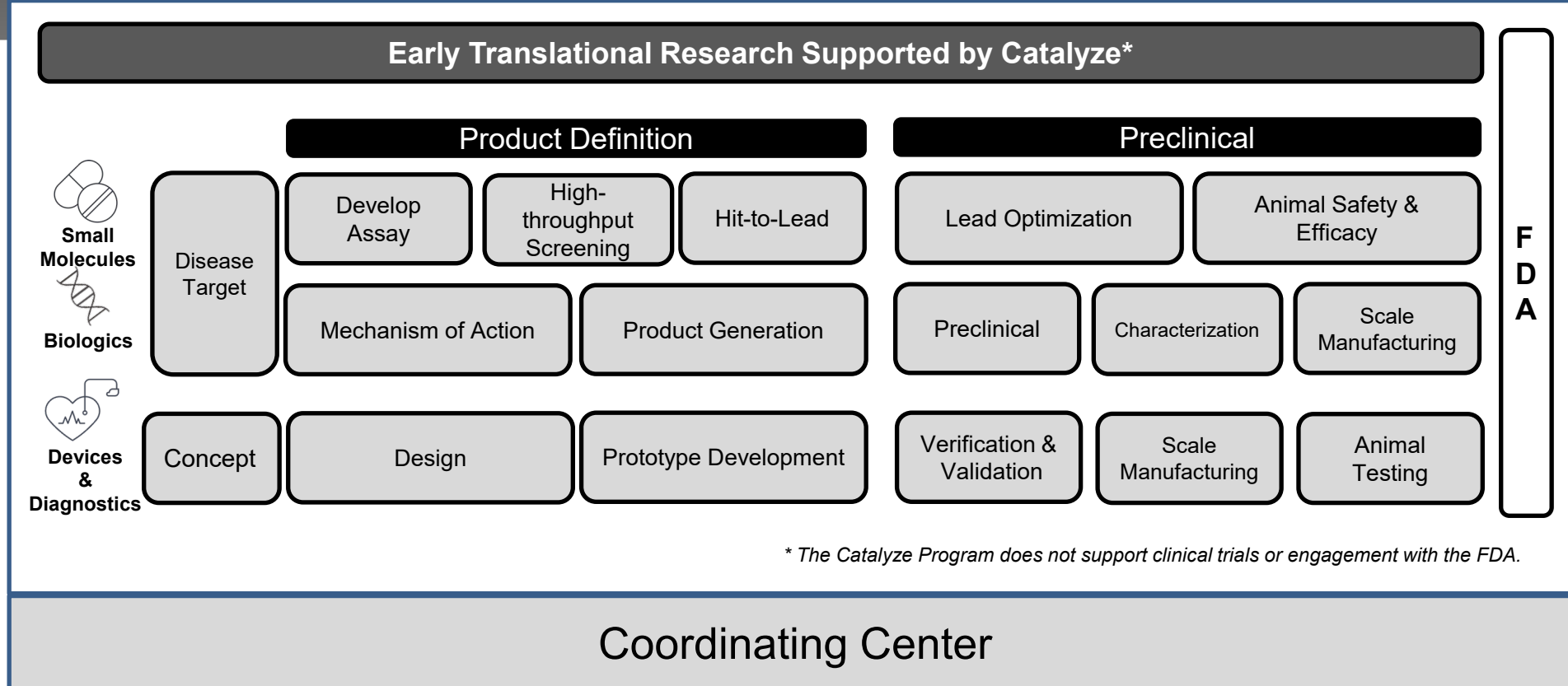
- *National Mentor Network – targeted company support*
- *Showcase Events - offers conference registration fees to industry partnering and investor meetings*
- *Pitch coaching for Showcase Events*



“Small Biz Hangouts” YouTube Playlist

- *Series of videos regarding common issues that biomedical innovators face.*
- *Go to bit.ly/SmallBizHangouts*

NHLBI Catalyze Program



Funding

Leverage federal investment with non-federal match

Individualized Support

Milestone-driven project management
Technical support to mitigate technical risk

Coordinated Approach

Seamless continuum of funding programs from validation through first-in-human trials

Program Flexibility

Evaluation and oversight
Identify and share best practices

For more information email NHLBI_Catalyze@mail.nih.gov

NHLBI Innovation Subject Matter Experts



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Entrepreneur-In-Residence
Health Economics Specialist



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Entrepreneur-In-Residence
Regulatory Specialist



NIH Support for Innovators

Chris Sasiela, PhD, RAC

Innovator Support Team Lead / Senior Regulatory Specialist
Small business Education and Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Office



Preparing an application

– Sample Applications [NIAID]

- <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications#r43r44>)

– Sample Applications [NIA]

- <https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/osbr/nia-small-business-sample-applications>

– Understanding Per Review [CSR]

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/CSRNIH>

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– Small Business Workshops [NIA]

- <https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/osbr/archived-small-business-events>

– Business Finances [NIBIB]

- <https://www.nibib.nih.gov/entrepreneurial-finance-course>

– Pitching Your Company [NHLBI]

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QklIDS_aPE&list=PL_ntiNjc6Gvksm4mQxmGh0iHM946PXEu0&index=3

– Intellectual Property Portfolios [NHLBI]

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_ntiNjc6Gvksm4mQxmGh0iHM946PXEu0

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Administrative Supplement to Promote Diversity in Research and Development Small Businesses

Purpose: Improve the diversity of the research workforce

- Small Businesses with active small business awards (SBIR/STTR)
- Recruit and support individuals from underrepresented groups in health-related research



Career Level:

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Degree Holders
- Postdoctoral
- Developing Independent Career



Amount:

\$5,000- 100,000*

*Depending on candidate career level



Rolling Deadline



Concept to Clinic: Commercializing Innovation

- C3i program

Entrepreneurial education that teaches teams (innovator, entrepreneurial lead, mentor) methods to assess the commercial value, validate the market need, and develop a compelling pitch for their biomedical technologies.

- Available to academic and small business awardees.



- Available to NIH awardees
- Business, regulatory, payment, IP SME focused consults
- **Connect through your NIH Program Officer**
- Send us an email (SEEDinfo@nih.gov)
- Info to include in your message:
 - Award number and NIH Program Officer name
 - Brief background about your project
 - Topic you want help with and specific questions

Questions

