



Mentor-Facilitated Training Award

FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

The National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network (CTN) Dissemination Initiative (DI) aims to reduce the gap between the publication of research on the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD) and implementation in clinical practice. It incorporates collaboration among clinicians, researchers, and experienced trainers and is utilized to develop user-friendly tools and products to facilitate the adoption of research-based interventions into clinical settings.

The NIDA CTN DI Mentor-Facilitated Training (MFT) Award is a key component of the SUD research dissemination effort. Through Sponsor-Partnerships with professional healthcare organizations, the MFT awardees choose experienced mentors to develop and implement a one-year SUD dissemination project. By leveraging published research, awardees develop tools and resources that contribute to the broader understanding and use of evidence-based approaches, skills, and treatments in SUD care.

Throughout the year, MFT awardees engage with SUD experts and cohort peers, present updates at virtual meetings, and showcase their work at the annual NIDA CTN Steering Committee meeting. They are encouraged to submit a manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, further cementing their contributions to the field. Additionally, the program fosters career development after the award year by inspiring participants to pursue clinical roles in evidence-based SUD management or embark on independent research endeavors, benefiting their patients, colleagues, and communities.

Apply Here

<https://ctnmftapplications.org>

AWARD GOALS

- ★ Promote the dissemination of SUD research findings.
- ★ Increase utilization of evidence-based SUD treatment among healthcare providers.
- ★ Facilitate the professional growth and development of future clinician leaders in SUD management.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS NOT A GRANT AND FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR RESEARCH.

2025-2026 SCHEDULE

June 1, 2025	Application Opens
June 24, 2025	Informational Webinar
September 2, 2025	Application Deadline
November 1, 2025	Sponsor-Partner Applicant Ranking Due
November 21, 2025	Award Notification to Sponsor-Partners
December 1, 2025	Award Notification to Awardees
December 15, 2025	Sponsor-Partner Agreement Due
December 15, 2025	Awardee Agreement Due
January 20, 2026	Program Orientation
January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026	Award Funding

AWARD STIPEND

Awardee	\$10,000 ★
Mentor	\$2,000 ★
Sponsor-Partner Organization	\$3,000 ★
Each MFT award totals:	\$15,000 ★

Awardee funds are used for the development and dissemination of educational materials and travel to the Sponsor-Partner organization's annual conference and the annual NIDA CTN Steering Committee Meeting. See MFT Stipend Allowable Expenses document for details.

MENTORSHIP

Mentor-Facilitated Training mentors should have expertise in dissemination and implementation science or clinical experience in SUD treatment/research. Mentor responsibilities include supporting project planning, providing regular mentorship, and assisting in developing presentations.

A letter of support from the mentor is required. More than one mentor may be proposed.

PROJECT GUIDELINES

Mentor-Facilitated Training Award projects must focus on the dissemination of existing SUD research findings. They cannot involve new clinical trials or basic research. Secondary data analysis may be considered if exempt from IRB review and demonstrates potential to enhance evidence-based practices.

For more information or questions, please email NIDACTNDI@FredrickOak.com

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