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Stroke Prevention/Intervention Research Program
Technical Assistance Workshop

Stroke Prevention/Intervention Research Program (SPIRP)

SPIRP Basics

- At least one prevention/intervention project
- At least one additional stroke disparities research project
- Core(s)
- Education/Training in Stroke Disparities
- Additional Components
 - Leadership plan (may include multiple PIs)
 - Culturally-tailored projects
 - Recruitment and outreach plan
 - Understanding Assumptions, Measurements, and Influences
 - Future Directions
 - Education/Training Plan
 - Links with NIH Resource Centers
 - Use of Common Data Elements
- Protocol

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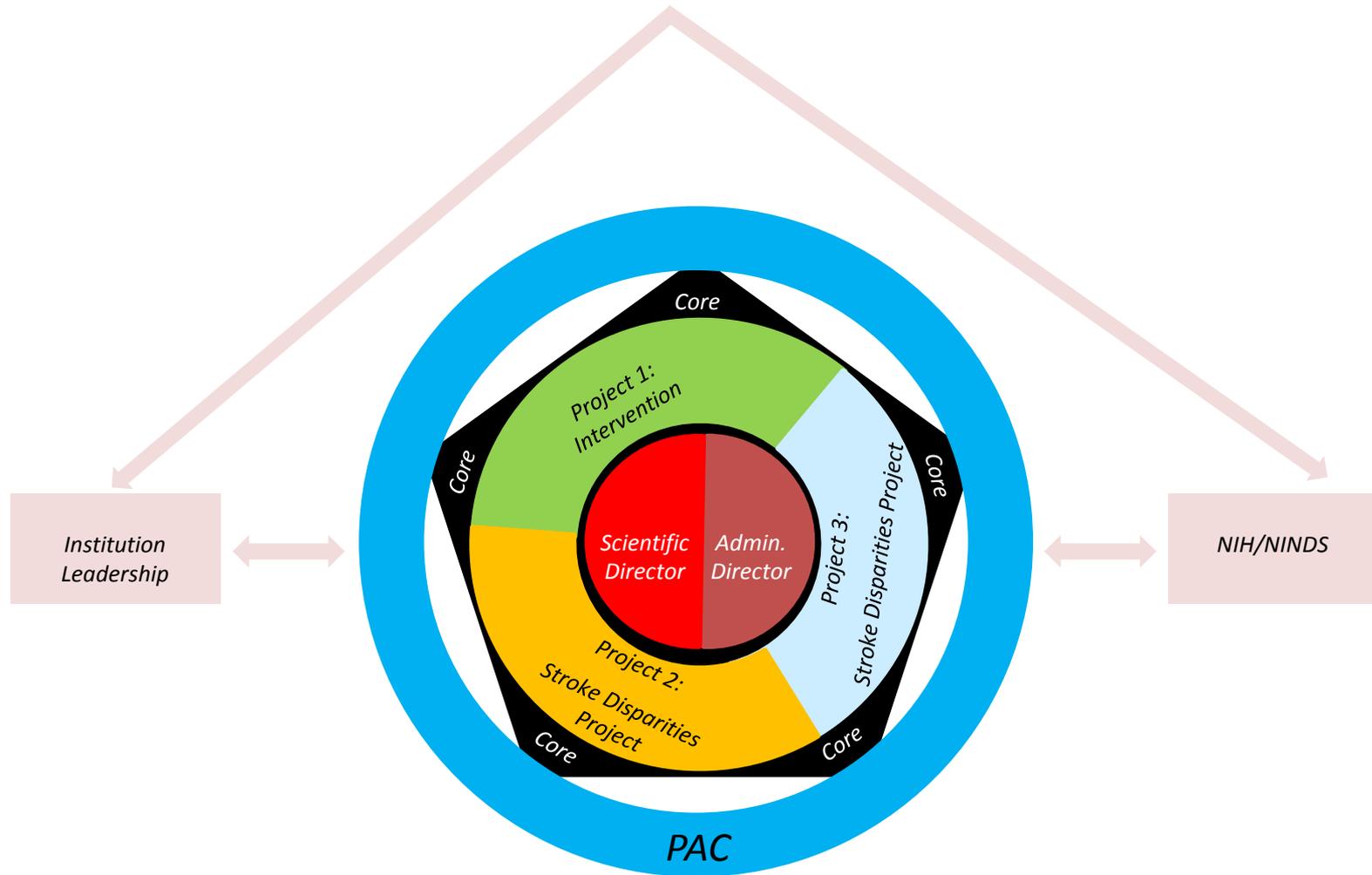
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Key Dates

- March 3, 2012—Letters of Intent of due.
- April 3, 2012—Applications are due.

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Diagram of SPIRP Components



SPIRP FAQ

- **Are there rules preventing a person from being a project leader/PI on two separate applications?**
A project PI can be part of more than one application.
- **For trainees that are working or being trained on the proposed U54, what activities are allowable such as stipends, tuition, or compensation?** The NIH has clear guidelines stipulating how funds can be used or activities performed. A great reference is the NIH Grants Policy Statement, under 7.9.1 Selected Items of Cost, http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2011/nihgps_ch7.htm#selected_cost_items.
- **What career stage should the Administrative Director be and what career path?**
The Administrative Director position is a leadership position in the program. The Administrative Director should have experience managing/directing large grants and should be well versed in all of the activities of the Administrative Core. (The Administrative Director should bring expertise to the management of the Core.)
- **Does the intervention have to focus on racial/ethnic disparities?**
Yes.
- **Does the study population have to be in the United States/territory?**
Yes.

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SPIRP FAQ

- **Does my application need four research projects/ should the disparities research projects be pilot projects/ is more better?**

The application must have at least one project other than the intervention. The projects are expected to be **meaningful** projects that can significantly contribute to the knowledge of stroke disparities. Each research project will receive a score.

- **Is funding provided to focus on the cores or is the emphasis on the research project?**

The scientific projects are the major drivers of the program. Cores should be developed as needed as a support for the projects. The SPIRP was developed to develop solutions for the major issues in stroke disparities. Any proposed core must support at least two scientific projects.

- **Is the interest in training focused on stroke disparities?**

Yes. The training plan should be a plan for **stroke disparities training**.

- **Do trainees need to be part of a project or core?**

The investigator should determine the best way to educate or train within the SPIRP. It is unclear what the benefit would be to a trainee if there is no significant involvement /instruction in the projects/cores. Each application should easily address why the proposed training program fits into the SPIRP program.

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- **Where can more information regarding the NINDS Common Data Elements be found?**
More information regarding **the NINDS Common Data Elements—STROKE** can be found at [NINDS Common Data Elements \(Stroke\)](#)
- **Do non-intervention projects (not project 1) have to focus on race/ethnic disparities?**
No. All scientific projects must be a *stroke disparities project*. They can address rural disparities, low socioeconomic status disparities or race/ethnic disparities. The intervention project must be a race/ethnic minority community based intervention.
- **Can programs make consortiums where the leadership (administrative director and science director), and the primary project are from one institution and one of the other projects or cores are from another institution?**
Yes.
- **We are having our trainees conduct Pilot Studies as part of their training. Each Stroke Disparities Fellow will conduct a secondary data analysis and a primary data collection project. They will receive \$8,000. Is there any problem with the plan to include the pilot funds on the training core?**
You cannot have funds from this mechanism for pilot projects that are not peer reviewed. You should not have scientific projects buried in a core. A core may have metrics and a scientific approach to achieve the metrics.

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- **Please clarify the pages and for the Research Education and Training Plan.**
The *Research Education and Training Plan* should begin with 1 page specific aims section, followed by a 12 page plan (total 13 pages), and labeled as Core B.
- **When can we pay stipends? Is it appropriate to pay mentors a stipend? Or just trainees?**
Mentors that have justified activities can receive a small amount within the program. Trainees cannot receive payment from the U54 for *training* activities.
- **We are asked to put the following section into the Overview. I normally put this level of detail - especially the org chart - in an administrative core and not an overview section. Can you clarify?**
The overview should be brief so that if the applications are broken apart the reviewer can refer to this brief section and understand the premise of your program while reviewing only (for instance) Project 1.
- **What information is needed for the programmatic discussion?**
The PD(s)/PI(s) should describe how the Scientific Leadership, Administrative Leadership, and Project Leadership will be coordinated. The application should include information on the support and commitment of the parent institution for the program, the authority of the PD(s)/PI(s), the use of program advisory committee (PAC), and space assignment. Applications should describe the organizational framework and provide an organizational chart.

The expertise to be represented in the PAC should be described, but **potential members of the PAC should NOT be named and letters from such individuals should NOT be included. Potential PAC members should NOT be contacted.**

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