

Nexus Award for Epic and Other Johns Hopkins Data Sources: Cosponsored by the ICTR Behavioral, Social and Systems Science Translational Research Community (TRC) & the Center for Clinical Data Analysis

Nexus Award Webinar Q&A

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Q. Do I have to be a faculty member to apply for this award?

A. Yes, only faculty members can apply as principal investigators.

Q. Can I apply if I want to create a patient registry? How would this work with the 12 month award period?

A. The CCDA can create and account for recurring data pulls for prospective studies. Depending on the project specifications, investigators would be provided with the agreed upon data reports well after the initial 12 month award period. If the investigator wanted to change the data criteria, the original Nexus funds would not cover this, and the investigator would have to use other funds to cover this change.

Q. Should potential plans for long term studies be included in my IRB application, or should only the project specifications listed in the original Nexus Award application be disclosed to the IRB?

A. It is best to include any and all potential plans in your IRB application. The best registries are created when using paired down data points, but if you can think ahead, and try to plan for other data points, or lab values that will help your research, you should include these in your IRB application. Be as specific as possible in both your IRB application and Nexus Award application.

Q. Do I need to submit a project budget?

A. No, this is not required. The second round application finalists will meet with Diana Gumas, at which time project specifications and corresponding costs will be discussed. If you would like to provide additional information about your project, a budget may be submitted listing other costs associated with the project, such as recruiting and data management. No formal budget is required.

Q. When should I apply to the IRB?

A. Although it is not required that you submit your IRB application prior to notice of award, if you wait to apply, and then do not obtain approval, you will may lose your Nexus Award funding. Investigators are encouraged to submit IRB applications during the Nexus Award application period.

Q. What is the Data Trust Council?

A. The Data Trust work closely with IRB to ensure that researchers adhere to data compliance. Diana Gumas and the CCDA will let you know if you need to appeal to the Data Trust Council for any approvals. The CCDA can walk awardees through this process.

Q. What is a Use of Data Agreement?

A. This is a document that an investigator signs to state that project data is secure. This makes the investigator take ownership of the data, and makes him or her liable for any possible data breaches

Q. How do I receive approval from Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, if I want to use their data?

A. After notice of award, Diana Gumas and the CCDA can put you in contact with the necessary parties at JHCP. You will make an appointment and meet with representatives, so they may better understand what data you are seeking to obtain from their patient population.