

## Vision, Mission, & Role

### Vision:

*Engaged partnerships benefitting research, innovation and public health*

### Mission:

*To enable and guide collaboration, invention development and licensing to advance today's discoveries into tomorrow's medical care*

### Role:

The NCI TTC serves as the focal point for implementing the [Federal Technology Transfer Act](#) to utilize patents as incentive for commercial development of technologies and to establish research collaborations and licensing among academia, federal laboratories, non-profit organizations, and industry. TTC supports technology development activities for the NCI and [nine other NIH Institutes and Centers](#). Because the NIH is a Federal government entity, it cannot commercialize or manufacture its discoveries. However, TTC proactively facilitates partnerships with outside organizations so that these discoveries can reach the public. TTC:

- Negotiates co-development agreements and licenses with universities, non-profit organizations, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to ensure compliance with Federal statutes, regulations and NIH policies.
- Reviews Employee Invention Reports (EIRs) and makes recommendations concerning filing of domestic and foreign patent applications.
- Negotiates transactional agreements with outside parties, including universities, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to ensure compliance with Federal statutes, regulations and NIH policies and facilitates commercialization efforts to benefit public health.
- Provides guidance to intramural and extramural scientists on all technology transfer matters
- Provides advice, guidance, and assistance on the development and management of intellectual property
- Proposes and implements innovative development strategies and academic and industry partnerships for NCI technologies, as well as for those from [Institutes and Centers served by TTC](#).
- Serves as liaison with individuals, committees, and organizations within and outside the Federal Government who are interested or involved in matters relating to technology transfer.
- Provides guidance on handling extramural inventions for which the grantee has declined title

- Negotiates of co-development agreements, including CRADAs, MTAs, CTAs, and CDAs
- Reviews, tracks and reports on all active cases, patent licenses and royalties
- Trains Intramural Research Program staff in matters of technology transfer related to their official duties
- Serves as liaison to allied offices, such as the NIH Office of General Counsel

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