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INTRODUCTION

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) is a “catalyst for discovery.” Through NCRR, biomedical investigators supported by the disease-oriented institutes of the National Institutes for Health (NIH) can access the resources and technologies they need to conduct research that improves human health.

The diverse research centers and resources supported by NCRR throughout the nation include:

- clinical research and career development, including support for General Clinical Research Centers grants (MO1s), which include supplements for Clinical Associate Physician Awards; Midcareer Investigator Awards in Patient-oriented Research (K24); Small Business Grants (R41, R42, R43, and R44); and Cooperative Agreements (U13, U42);
- biomedical technologies and instrumentation;
- mammalian and nonmammalian models of human disease;
- research infrastructure, including science education, facility construction and renovation, and support to increase research competitiveness of minority institutions and states with limited NIH funding.

NCRR-supported research centers and resources are cost-effective. Each year tens of thousands of investigators share in their use. Moreover, while conducting research at these centers and resources, many investigators enter into collaborations with scientists from other disciplines who have complementary skills and projects. These partnerships not only extend research dollars, but also enhance scientific ideas.