

Application for TrialNet Chair Position

Overview:

TrialNet is currently soliciting applications from qualified individuals to apply to be the Network Chair beginning June 1, 2021. The term will span five years. The elected chair will initially serve as Chair-elect beginning February 8, 2021. The Chair's effort will be supported through a subcontract with the TrialNet Coordinating Center (TNCC).

Time Commitment:

Between approximately February 8, 2021 and May 31, 2021, the Chair-elect will work with the TrialNet Executive Committee (~10% effort) to fully understand the TrialNet infrastructure, stakeholder relationships and objectives. When the tenure for the current Chair ends on June 1, 2021, the new Chair will take over TrialNet leadership. The new Chair will be required to dedicate approximately 20-30% effort (8-12 hours per week) during standard work hours for TrialNet Chair-related activities.

Responsibilities:

The following are the anticipated Network Chair responsibilities:

1. Provide overall leadership and strategic vision for TrialNet
 - Identify research opportunities and partners
 - Promote efficient and effective use of TrialNet resources to develop approaches to delay/prevent type 1 diabetes (T1D) and biomarkers to facilitate future trial development
2. Fully collaborate with all members of the TrialNet team, including the TNCC, the Clinical Network Hub (CNH), and Project Officials representing funding sources (NIH, JDRF, etc.)
3. Chair the Steering Committee
4. Chair the Executive Committee, which meets 3-4 times per month, to manage TrialNet's day-to-day activities
5. Participate on the following committees:
 - Study Chair Committees (committees overseeing each of the TrialNet studies)
 - Protocol Development Committees
 - Center Director Committee
 - Biomarkers and Mechanisms Panel
6. Assume the primary role for communication with the following entities:
 - Research community
 - Industry
 - FDA (on scientific matters)
 - Voluntary organizations
 - Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) when endocrinology expertise is needed
 - Media (in coordination with the NIDDK Office of Communications and Public Liaison)
 - Public

Applicant Qualifications:

The successful candidate will:

- be nationally recognized for achievements in diabetes research

- have a firm understanding of the pathophysiology and natural history of T1D (documented through substantive publications)
- have expertise in T1D disease-modifying clinical trial design and implementation
- have held leadership positions and worked collaboratively in T1D disease-modifying clinical trial research consortia

Selection Process:

Completed applications from interested individuals must be submitted by December 15, 2020. A Chair Selection Committee, convened by the NIDDK, will review each application to assess the applicant's:

- clinical trial experience
- leadership positions in clinical trials
- national/international involvement with T1D research
- participation in TrialNet to date
- financial relationships with current and potential industry partners
- available time to commit to the position
- NIH biographical sketch

The Selection Committee will identify and present the top three candidates to NIDDK, and NIDDK will make the final selection.

Considering the Network's interaction with industry and the Network Chair's role in this interaction, the applicant's financial relationships with companies related or potentially related to TrialNet research with money paid to the applicant directly (including his/her spouse and dependent children) and/or to the applicant's institution/legal entity for effort on the applicant's behalf will have to be disclosed during the selection process.

Individuals interested in being considered for the position should complete the attached application and submit it to Ellen Leschek, NIDDK (LeschekE@extra.niddk.nih.gov) no later than December 15, 2020. Applicants are strongly encouraged to: (1) contact the NIDDK TrialNet Project Scientist, Lisa Spain, to discuss the position, requirements, and selection process (SpainL@niddk.nih.gov), and (2) submit a letter of intent (LOI), indicating plans to submit an application, to the NIDDK TrialNet Program Director, Ellen Leschek (LeschekE@extra.niddk.nih.gov). The selection process is expected to be complete by January 31, 2021.

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Applications should be sent by email to Dr. Ellen Leschek, LeschekE@extra.niddk.nih.gov, and should include the following items, in this order:

1. Standard Curriculum Vitae (including bibliography) and biosketch (NIH format, including other support)
2. Narrative (3-6 pages) which includes the following elements:
 - a. Reasons for wanting to be TrialNet Chair
 - b. Ideas/visions for TrialNet, including what can be accomplished over next 5 years
 - c. Relevant clinical training and clinical research experience
 - d. Relevant mechanistic training and experience

- e. Leadership experience and accomplishments
- f. Approach to collaborative science and relevant experience
- 3. Available effort and other responsibilities that would limit TrialNet effort
- 4. Conflict of Interest information, including current and recent relationships with all industry partners

All application materials must be received by December 15, 2020.