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Role of IDI Grants office in Research capacity building

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Background

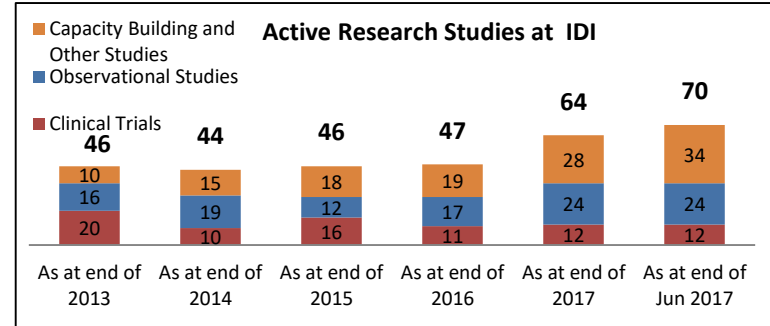
Despite several capacity building opportunities for researchers, there has been limited resources earmarked for development of institutional systems to administer and manage grants.

What we do?

- We utilize the knowledge and experience gained from international collaborations, training in grants management and research administration to support mid-career researchers to transition into independent researchers.
- Appropriate pre- and post-award support is extended to applicants and fellows during the grant application process, through providing clarification on funding opportunities, updating era commons accounts, career track profiles, developing research budgets and submission of application on online platforms
- Post-award; we ensure registration of clinical trials, ethical conduct of research, access to relevant calls for proposals and opportunities for research training. In addition, we track individual and program indicators and submissions for open access publications.

Achievements

- Developed standard operating procedures for tracking grant expenditures and ensuring compliance with NIH and other funder guidelines.
- Strengthened capacity to conduct internationally acceptable health research with specific focus on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, emerging infectious diseases, as well as other poverty-related infectious diseases.
- Developed researchers' confidence in the grants support system which has contributed to an increase in the number of grant applications and awards received.



Conclusion

Deliberate effort to provide targeted administrative research support is a critical component of research capacity building for Junior researchers to transition into independent researchers.