

**SUBJECT LINE:** Technical Assistance Webinars for NIH HEAL FOA: Developing Quantitative Imaging & Other Relevant Biomarkers of Myofascial Tissues for Clinical Pain Management

Dear Dr. [INSERT last name]

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will sponsor **two** technical assistance webinars on December 2, 2021 and January 6, 2022 related to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) HEAL Initiative: Developing Quantitative Imaging and Other Relevant Biomarkers of Myofascial Tissues for Clinical Pain Management (R61/R33, Clinical Trial Required). The FOA is a partnership between the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), and 9 other NIH Institutes and Centers.

**Technical Assistance Webinar #1  
December 2, 2021 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET**

Informational Webinar for HEAL Initiative: Developing Quantitative Imaging and Other Relevant Biomarkers of Myofascial Tissues for Clinical Pain Management (R61/R33).

The 1st technical assistance webinar will provide an overview of the initiative, guidance on application preparation process, and address applicant questions. All webinar registrants will be prompted to indicate their areas of expertise, what additional areas of expertise they are looking for their teams, and whether they are willing to share their email addresses along with their areas of expertise with other webinar registrants. We are asking this information during the EventBrite registration to better facilitate potential team building interactions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> technical assistance webinar.

Register for Webinar #1: [\\_insert Eventbrite link\\_](#)

**Technical Assistance Webinar #2  
January 6, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET**

Interactive Facilitated Conversations with HEAL Program Officers and Other Experts on Topic-Specific Research Areas (RFA\_.....)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> technical assistance webinar will provide an interactive, team building experience for webinar registrants to have facilitated conversations with HEAL program officials and topic experts related to technical requirements of the R33 phase of the RFA. Participants will join breakout rooms.

Register for Webinar #2: [\\_insert Eventbrite link\\_](#)

**How to Participate**

1. You must register for the webinars through EventBrite.

2. There will be a question and answer portion at the end of the first webinar. Registrants are encouraged to submit questions in advance.
3. Registrants who indicate their needs for additional areas of expertise will be sent a list of names/emails of experts who are willing to share their contact information and are interested in collaboration.

**NOTE:** Both webinars are optional and not required for application submission. They will be recorded and archived to view if you aren't able to attend.

I hope you find these webinars helpful in the application process and look forward to your participation and questions.

Best wishes,

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