The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) in coordination with a number of National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutes and Centers and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), are hosting this training institute to provide participants with a thorough grounding in conducting D&I research in health across all areas of health and health care. In 2018, the institute will utilize a combination of a 4-month online course (six modules with related assignments) between August 13 and November 30, 2018, and a 2-day in-person training to be held December 6-7, 2018, in Bethesda, MD. Faculty and guest lecturers will consist of leading experts in theory, implementation, and evaluation approaches to D&I; creating partnerships and multilevel, transdisciplinary research teams; research design, methods, and analyses appropriate for D&I; and conducting research at different and multiple levels of intervention (e.g., clinical, community, policy).

Participants will be expected to return to their home institutions prepared to share what they have learned at the institute to help further the field of D&I research (e.g., giving talks, leading seminars, forming new collaborations, mentoring, submitting D&I grant proposals, etc.).

For a background on the training institute, please see this article published January 24, 2013: "The U.S. training institute for dissemination and implementation research in health." Implementation Science 2013 8:12.

For information on NIH funding in dissemination and implementation science, please visit the NCI Implementation Science Team Funding page.

For additional resources and information about D&I science at the NIH, please visit the Resources for Dissemination and Implementation Research page hosted by the NIH Office of Disease Prevention.

This training is designed for investigators at any career stage interested in conducting D&I research. To be eligible, participants must NOT have matriculated through other NIH supported implementation science training programs (e.g. MT-DIRC, IRI). To be eligible, participants must NOT have current R18, R01, or R01-equivalent funding as a Principal Investigator for D&I research and may not have received such funding in the past 5 years. Note: Investigators who have received an R01 or equivalent are eligible, as long as the funding was not specifically for D&I research. We seek a balance of both junior and senior investigators, with the overall goal of bringing new people into the field of D&I research. While we anticipate most participants will be early- to mid-career individuals, we will enroll a limited number of senior researchers who are making the switch to D&I research.

In addition, to be eligible, participants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Sc.D., M.D., Dr.P.H., D.O., D.V.M., D.N.Sc., etc.)
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in health science (e.g., medicine, behavioral medicine, nursing, medical anthropology, health economics, public health, health policy).
- Feasible D&I research concept to work on throughout the course. This should be a project the applicant is seriously interested in conducting and/or submitting for funding.
- Willing and able to pay their own travel expenses (round-trip airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals) and attend and actively participate in the entire online and in-person training institute, if accepted.
- Federal employees are not eligible, with the exception of individuals whose positions allow them to receive grants and function as independent researchers (e.g., VA research investigators).
Applicants are NOT required to be citizens, permanent residents, or non-citizen nationals of the United States. There is no fee to apply or to attend the institute. However, all applicants are responsible for arranging and paying for their travel to attend.

Attendance at the in-person training will NOT be permitted to those who have not actively participated and completed the required online course work.

For more information and to apply, visit the TIDIRH 2018 website.

For questions about the training please contact OBSSR program staff at TIDIRH@nih.gov.