

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES PROFILE NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education (NIH-OITE)

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Liaison Organization Overview: NIH-OITE works with the training offices throughout NIH to help its trainees develop scientific and professional skills, and progress to the next step in their careers. OITE offers career and professional development services to high school and college students, recent college graduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral/clinical fellows. The Office encourages trainees to explore the many ways to contribute to the scientific enterprise.

Common Interest Areas between NORDP and the Liaison Organization: NORDP and its members benefit from this NIH-OITE relationship through potential increased membership and a pipeline of RD trainees. In my role as NIH-OITE liaison, I advocate for research development and increase NORDP visibility to this organization that has a substantial population of potential RD professionals, including ~4000 postdocs, some of whom would be interested in RD as an alternative career path within academia. As the only RD-specific professional organization, NORDP can provide NIH trainees in general with information about the field of research development; and new NORDP members (e.g. former NIH trainees) in particular with a wide range of professional development support, as they learn how to enhance research competitiveness at their institutions.

Annual Conference and Other Events of Interest; Connection Suggestions: As a former NIH postdoc willing to serve as a career resource, OITE taps me as a career contact and event speaker for its trainees. For example, I will present as a career panelist at the annual symposia. The Annual NIH Career Symposium in Bethesda, MD (May) and NIEHS's Annual Biomedical Career Symposium in RTP, NC (April) both highlight the diversity of career choices and provide attendees with networking opportunities. They are very popular events and excellent venues for NORDP/RD exposure. Another opportunity for NIH liaising is presenting RD as a career to the "PhDs in the Real World Discussion Group/Brown Bag: Career Exploration, Industry Careers, Networking Opportunities, Informational Session", a monthly career discussion with area professionals