

# The NCI Extramural Community and Opportunities: Is this for me?

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# A Typical Intramural Perspective of the Cancer Research Enterprise

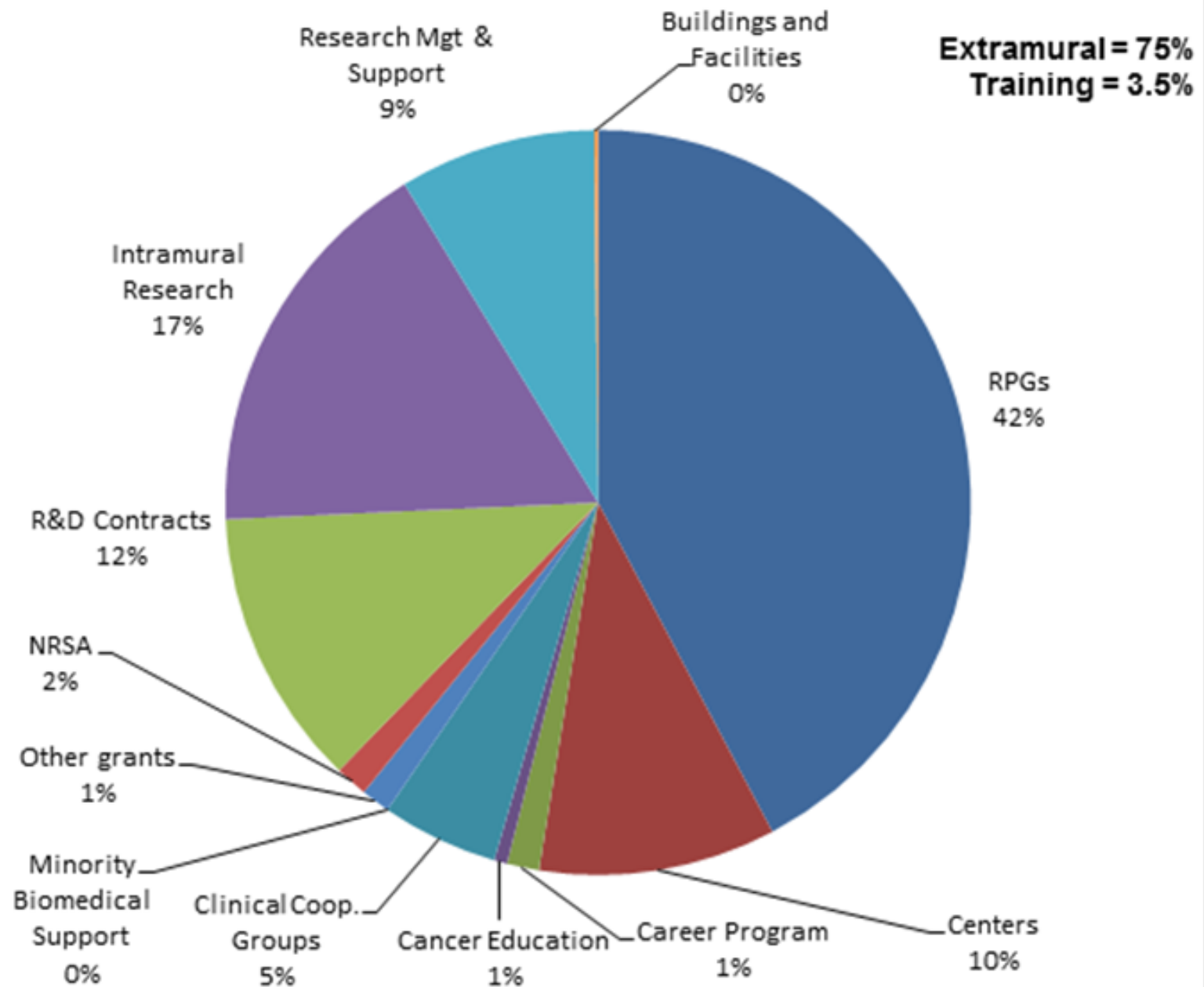
The Intramural Scientist



The Extramural  
Scientist

NCI Extramural  
Program Staff

# NCI 2015 Actuals by Mech - % of Total



# Closer to the Reality

NCI  
Intramural  
Scientist

NCI  
Extramural

Extramural Research  
community

# What is an Extramural Scientist or Program Director?



Scientist



Administrator



Reviewer



Supplier



Counselor

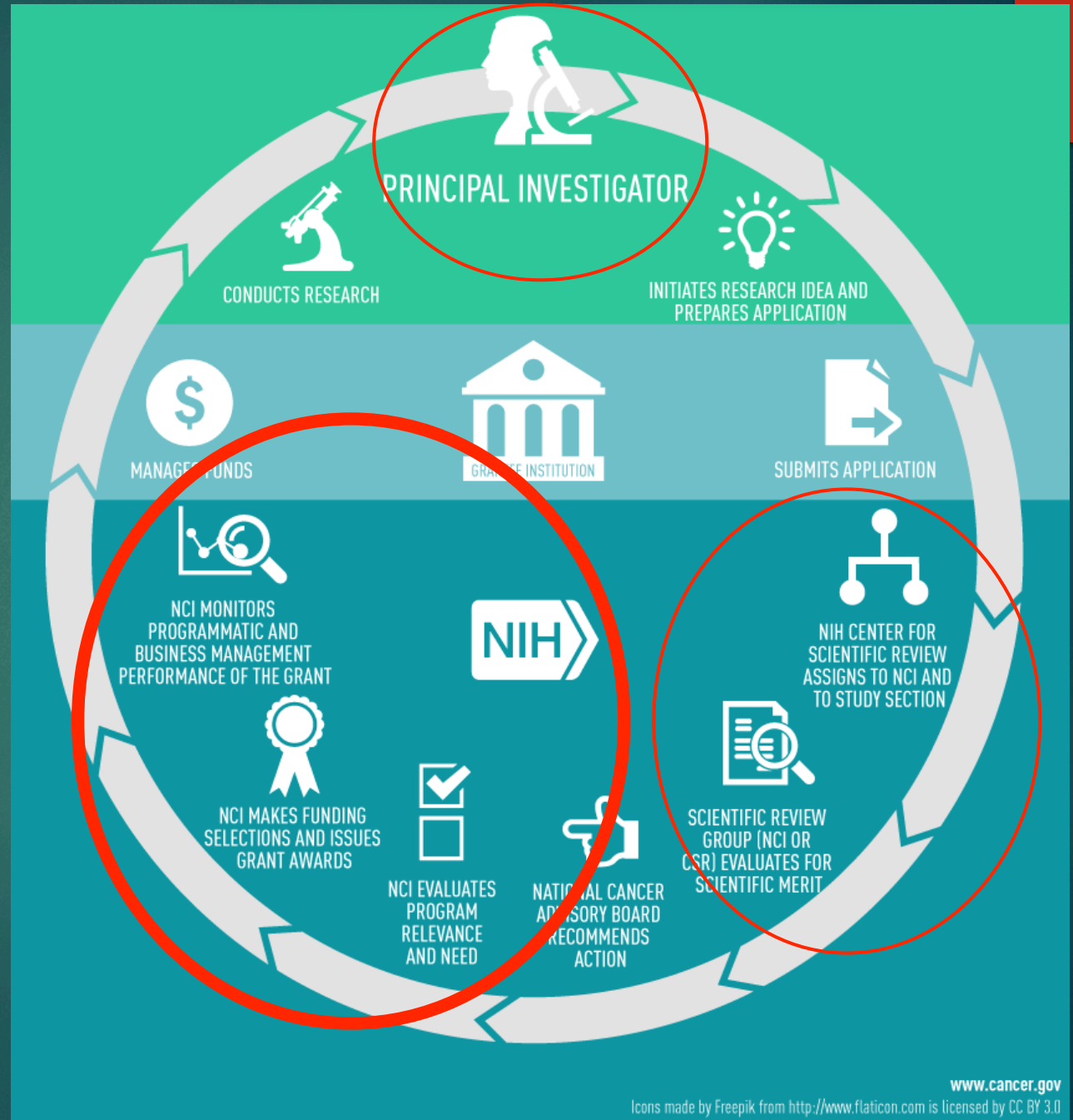


Innovator



Salesman

# The Grants Process



# Role of the Program Director

## Application and Grant oversight

- ▶ Advise investigators on grant applications
- ▶ Attend study section reviews
- ▶ Discuss summary statements and resubmissions
- ▶ Manage appeals
- ▶ Resolve issues: scientific overlap, budget, human & animal subjects, IRG concerns, foreign components
- ▶ Work with grant management specialists on making awards

## Post award Phase

- ▶ Review annual progress reports and authorize non-competing renewals
- ▶ Ensure compliance to Federal regulations

# Role of the Program Director (Part II)

## Directing and managing scientific direction

- ▶ Report major advances to NCI/NIH leadership
- ▶ Organize meetings and workshops
- ▶ Publish reports, “white papers”
- ▶ Identify needs & opportunities in the research field
  - ▶ Generate and manage new funding opportunities (PAs, RFAs)
- ▶ Engage and interact with the greater cancer research community
  - ▶ Congress
  - ▶ Other agencies
  - ▶ Advocates
  - ▶ Public



# What Does it Take?

Research Experience - clinical and/or basic

Cancer Understanding - Basic or Clinical

Good Communication skills

Good Personal skills; A “quick” study

Willing to work in an administrative structure

Willing to be part of a “team”

Willing to think beyond your “area”

Less ego, more sharing