Provides leadership for a national program to advance the discipline of translational science and catalyze the generation of innovative methods and technologies that will enhance the development, testing, and implementation of diagnostics and therapeutics across a wide range of human diseases and conditions;

- Conducts intramural research;
- Supports and coordinates research projects through research grants, contracts, and other mechanisms;
- Supports training in translational sciences; collaborates with organizations and other institutions engaged in translational research and training activities; and
- Collects and disseminates research findings and related information.