Conducts, fosters, and supports research and research training programs directed at finding the causes of and improved methods for diagnosing, treating, and preventing immunologic and infectious diseases through:

- Research performed in its own laboratories;
- Research grants to scientific institutions and individuals;
- Individual and institutional research training awards;
- A contract program aimed at the adaptation and application of laboratory and clinical findings to the development of specific disease control measures and solutions to infectious and immunological disease problems; and
- Collection and dissemination of research findings and related information.