

Bridge to Artificial Intelligence (Bridge2AI)

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The Promise of AI





- Driverless cars
- Game play (e.g., chess)
- Customized service
- Service bots
- And many more



Protein structure determination and prediction (e.g., DeepMind winning CASP; improvements in structural analysis; AlphaFold)

AI reduced time and Whole-

effort for diagnosis of

rare genetic disorders in infants in the ICU by

analyzing massive

amounts of variants associated with genetic

disorders in minutes

Min Director's Blog

Whole-Genome Sequencing Plus AI Yields Same-Day Genetic Diagnoses

Dr. Francis Collins



Origins of the Bridge2AI Program



2018 - Workshop by the members of the AI/ML and computational biomedicine research communities

2019 – NIH Director formed the AI Working Group of the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director (ACD) for recommendations:

- 1. Generate flagship datasets
- 2. Publish criteria for AI/ML-friendly datasets
- 3. Publish ethical principles for the use of ML in biomedicine
- 4. Attract and train AI/ML-Biomedical experts
- 5. Convene cross-disciplinary collaborators

2021 – Program Announcements were released

2022 – Awards made!



Leadership of NIH Common Fund's Bridge2Al Program



Lead Institutes and Centers

- National Library of Medicine (NLM)
- National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH)
- National Eye Institute (NEI)
- The Common Fund (CF)

Working Group Participants

- CC, CIT, FIC, NCATS, NCI, NIA, NIAID, NICHD, NIDA, NIDDK, NIAMS, NIGMS, NIMHD, NINDS
- Other Federal Agencies: DARPA, DOE, FDA, NIST, NSF

Bridge2AI Program Goals

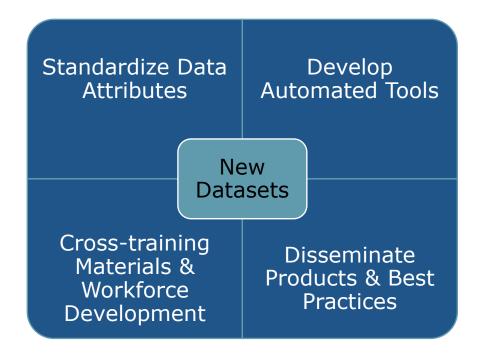


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Bridge2AI will:

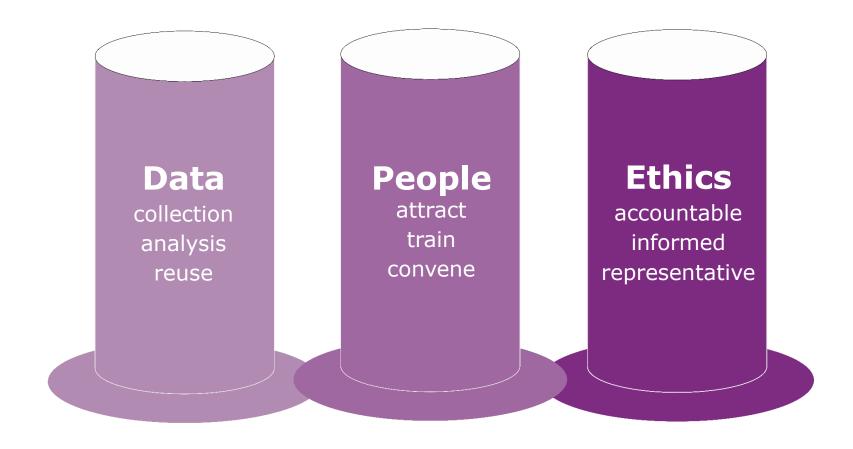
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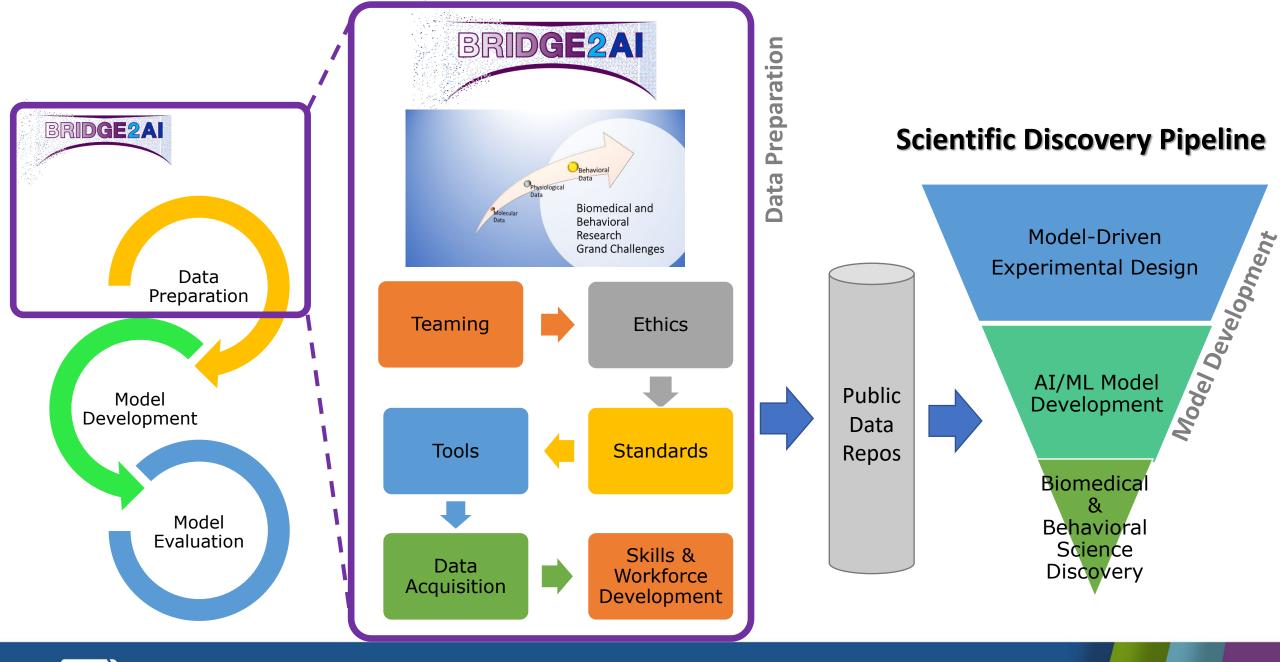




Three pillars of Bridge2AI

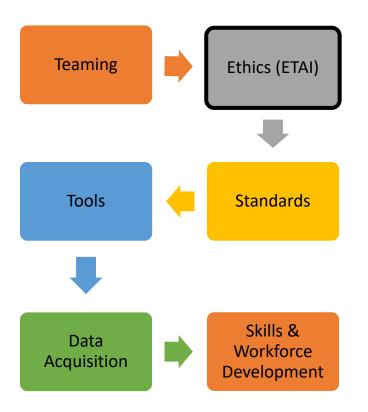






Ethical & Trustworthy Al Module (ETAI)



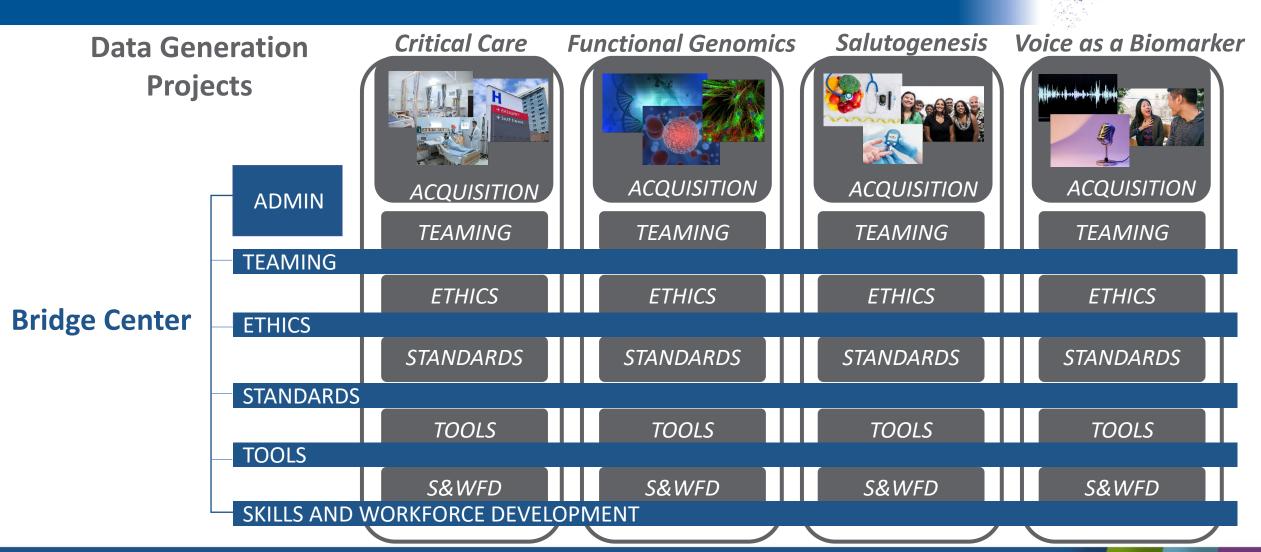


Purpose: Instill a culture of ethical inquiry (rather than compliance) to:

- (1) Identify, assess, and help address ETAI issues raised as the data generation project creates and releases AI/ML-ready datasets
- (2) Incorporate ETAI scholars as we create a new biomedical and behavioral AI/ML research community working together across technical, social and health disciplines

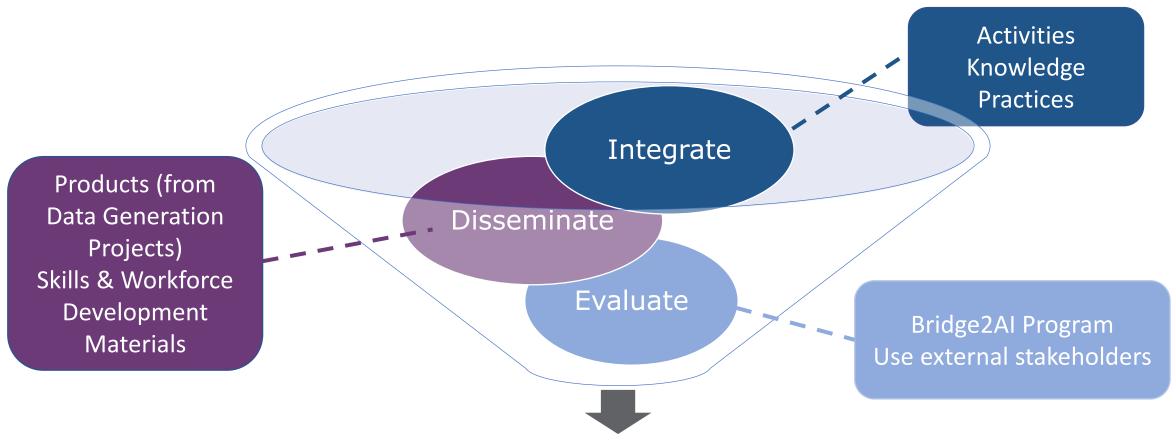
Bridge2Al Structure





Bridge Center Purpose





Best Practices for AI/ML in Biomedical and Behavioral Research

Who needs to come together?



- Biomedical Scientists
- Behavioral Scientists
- Social Scientists
- Clinicians
- Economists
- Ethicists
- Philosophers
- Anthropologists



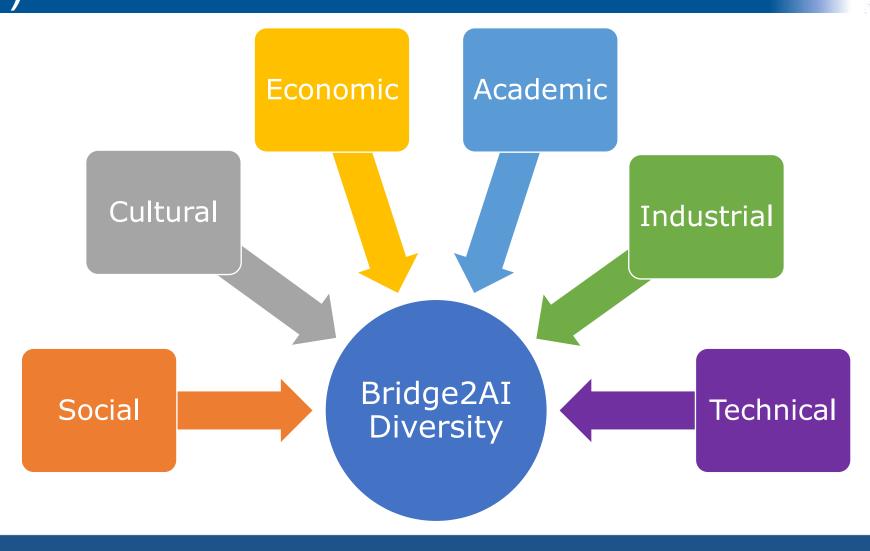
- Diverse career stages
- Diverse social and cultural backgrounds
- Academic, industrial, and technical backgrounds
- Diverse communities and institutions

- AI/ML Experts
- Statisticians
- Computer Scientists
- Data Scientists
- Mathematicians
- Bio-informaticists
- Engineers
- Team Science Experts...



Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (PEDP)





Example Elements of the PEDP



- Plan to engage with different types of institutions and organizations
- Partnerships to enhance geographic diversity
- Enhanced recruitment of women and individuals from underrepresented groups in biomedical and behavioral research
- Activities to monitor and assess benchmarks
- Career-enhancing activities for diverse students, postdocs, junior, early- and mid-career team members
- Developing **transdisciplinary collaborations** that require diverse perspectives
- Publication plan
- Outreach and engagement activities to enhance recruitment of individuals from diverse groups as research participants

Funded Bridge2AI Awards



Bridge Center

Consists of three awards:

- Admin and Ethics cores (contact PI: Lucila Ohno-Machado*, UC San Diego)
- Standards and Teaming cores (contact PI: Monica Munoz-Torres, U. Colorado, Denver)
- Tools and S&WD cores (contact PI: Alex Bui, UC Los Angeles)
- * Lead PI: Lucila Ohno-Machado

Data Generation Projects

- Expanding AI/ML in Clinical Care (contact PI: Eric Rosenthal, Massachusetts General Hospital)
- Functional Genomics (contact PI: Trey Ideker, UC San Diego)
- Salutogenesis (contact PI: Aaron Lee, U. Washington, Seattle)
- Precision Public Health (contact
 PI: Yael Bensoussan, U. South Florida)

Expanding AI/ML in Clinical Care



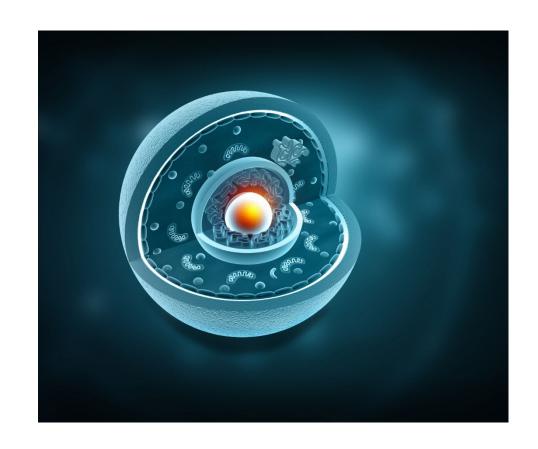
- Create a dataset of >100,000 patients from 14 ICU sites to improve recovery from acute illnesses through AI
- Phenotyping from clinical notes via natural language processing
- Develop a model to predict adverse events from ICU-monitoring data



Functional Genomics



- Map the spatiotemporal architecture of human cells and use these maps toward the grand challenge of interpretable genotypephenotype learning.
- 3 complementary mapping approaches:
 - proteomic mass spectrometry,
 - cellular imaging,
 - genetic perturbation via CRISPR/Cas9
- Create a library of large-scale maps of cellular structure/function and disease contexts using cell lines



Salutogenesis



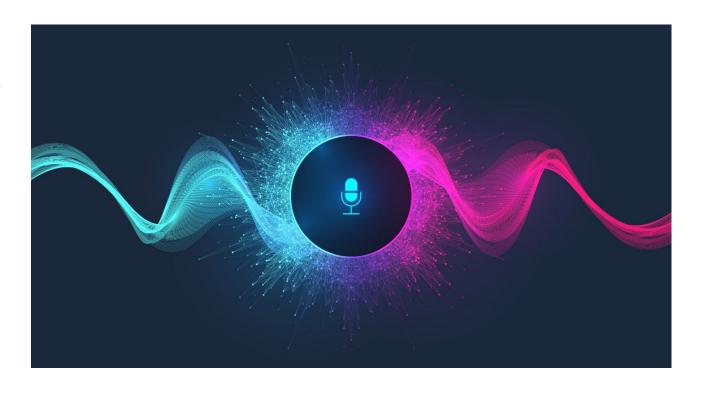
- Reconstruct a temporal atlas of pathogenesis and salutogenesis to expand AI/ML applications in clinical care
- Utilize type 2 diabetes as a model for understanding disease progression and regression
- Working on a Native American partnership through Tribal Consultation



Precision Public Health



- Use voice as a biomarker for respiratory disorders, sleep apnea, mental health, and neurological disorders
- Create a database of bioacoustic waveforms
- Ethics: voice-hacking
- Tools: waveform compression, minimum acoustic quality



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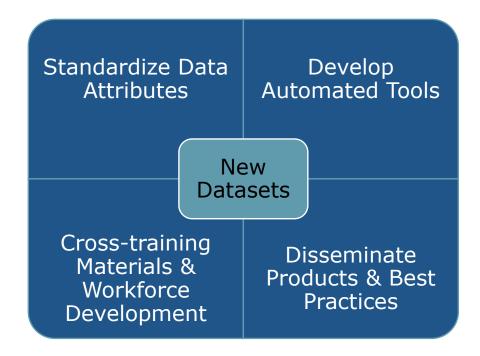


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Ideas for Collaboration with Tribal Communities



- Data Generation Projects
 - Salutogenesis project beginning Tribal Consultation process
- Ethics Activities
 - What concerns/unique challenges to address?
- Skills and Workforce Development Activities
 - How to involve Native American trainees and Tribal Colleges and Universities?
- Community Engagement and Stakeholder Activities
 - Participation in advisory boards and other efforts?
 - How to ensure inclusivity diversity to ensure outcomes of Bridge2AI are representative and useful to multiple communities?
- Other ideas?



Learn More







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NIH Team

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Co-Chairs (IC Directors)

Patricia Brennan (NLM) Eric Green (NHGRI) Michael Chiang (NEI) Helene Langevin (NCCIH)

Common Fund Leadership

Betsy Wilder Douglas Sheeley



+ Large group of **Project Scientists**

Coordinator: Elizabeth Ginexi (NCCIH)

+ Very large group of NIH Internal Working Group

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