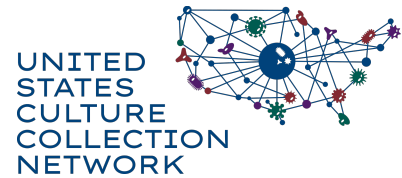


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## **U.S. Culture Collections Network Overview**

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The mission of the U.S. Culture Collection Network (USCCN) is to facilitate the safe and responsible utilization of living microbial resources. The USCCN was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) from 2012-2020 which allowed the USCCN to launch initial engagements with the global culture collection community. Members held meetings, workshops and webinars to promote best practices and engage the living collection community more broadly nationally and internationally. Various site visits were conducted to U.S. collection centers to learn about collections practices, best management and preservation techniques. USCCN 2.0 funded in 2020, proposes to expand the scope and reach of the network by complementing and synergizing activities with other projects, networks, organizations and societies globally. An overview of the USCCN is presented in this session.