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**NIH Funding Opportunities, Grant
Applications, and Recent Changes**

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Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)

- **Program Announcement (PA and PAR)**
 - Allows the NIH to publicly declare interest in supporting a defined area of science without committing funds up front.
 - Involves multiple application receipt dates.
 - Specifies only standard review criteria.
- **Request for Applications (RFA)**
 - Allows the NIH to promote a defined area of science by announcing an opportunity with associated, committed funds (i.e., set-aside \$\$\$\$).
 - Generally involves a single receipt date.
 - Specifies standard plus special review criteria.

Relative Numbers of FOAs, PAs, and RFAs

(at a single time point)

On June 4th, there were 986 active NIH-issued FOAs, of which 844 (86%) were PAs/PARs and 142 (14%) were RFAs.

The numbers and kinds of FOAs vary over time so it is important to check the NIH Guide regularly for items of interest and changes of importance.

Notices

Notices in the NIH Guide are used to announce:

- **Policies and procedures;**
- **Changes to FOAs;**
- **Some contract solicitations;**
- **Requests for Information; and**
- **Other general information items.**

A Notice that announces a change to an FOA is always added as a hyperlinked “Related Notice” on the first page of the FOA.

Two Sites for NIH's FOAs

- Grants.gov (
<http://www.grants.gov/>)
- NIH Guide for Grants and
Contracts (
[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/
guide/index.html#search](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html#search))

Grants & Funding

Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunities
(RFAs, PAs) & Notices

Unsolicited Applications
(Parent Announcements)

Research Training &
Career Development

Small Business
(SBIR/STTR)

Contract Opportunities 

NIH-Wide Initiatives

New and Early Stage
Investigators

Stem Cell Information 

NIH Common Fund 

OppNet (Behavioral &
Social Sciences) 

Award Data

NIH Reports (RePORT) 
Search NIH Awards
(RePORTER) 

Funding Opportunities and Notices

The **NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts** is the official publication for NIH medical and behavioral research grant policies, guidelines and funding opportunities. [Definitions and More Information...](#)

Search the NIH Guide for:

- Active RFAs** (Requests for Applications)
 Active PAs (Program Announcements)
 Notices

With Announcement # or Keywords: (Optional)

 

[Advanced Search](#)

Browse Active Funding Opportunities

- [Requests for Applications \(RFAs\)](#)
- [Program Announcements \(PAs\)](#)
- [Parent Announcements](#) (unsolicited applications)

Browse Recent Policies and Guidelines

[Notices](#)

“Parent” Program Announcements

Omnibus Parent Announcements are for use by applicants who wish to submit what were formerly termed “unsolicited” or “investigator-initiated” applications (because all applications must now be submitted in response to FOAs).

Parent Announcements (For Unsolicited or Investigator-Initiated Applications)

NIH and other agencies serviced by [eRA Commons](#) want your investigator-initiated applications. Electronic grant applications must be submitted in response to a [Funding Opportunity Announcement \(FOA\)**](#). We have developed Parent announcements for use by applicant who wish to submit what were formerly termed investigator-initiated or 'unsolicited' applications. Apply using the electronic application package for your chosen mechanism, listed in the table below. Read [More About Parent Announcements](#). Not all Institutes and Centers participate in all FOAs. Please read announcements carefully to determine participation.

The following Parent Announcements are available (sorted by Activity Code):

[[Research \(R\)](#) | [Research Training \(T\)](#) | [Career Development \(K\)](#) | [Fellowships \(F\)](#) | [Admin Supplements](#) | [Post-award Administrative Action](#)]

Research (R) Announcements

Activity Code(s)	Title	Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Opening Date (SF424 Only) ?	Expiration Date
R01	Research Project Grant (Parent R01)	PA-13-302	NIH	08/02/2013	08/07/2013	09/08/2016
R03	NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)	PA-13-304	NIH	08/02/2013	08/07/2013	09/08/2016
R13,U13	NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (Parent R13/U13)	PA-13-347	NIH	09/11/2013	11/12/2013	09/08/2016
R15,	Academic Research Enhancement Award (Parent R15)	PA-13-313	NIH	09/11/2013	09/25/2013	09/08/2016
R21	NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21)	PA-13-303	NIH	08/02/2013	08/07/2013	09/08/2016
R41/R42,	PHS 2015-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer	PA-15-270	NIH	06/04/2015	08/05/2015	04/06/2016

Parent Program Announcements

NIH currently has 23 active Parent Program Announcements (PAs), each for a specific grant mechanism (or activity code).

Five Categories of Parent PAs:

Research (R) Announcements (R01; R03; R13/U13; R15; R21; R41/ R42; R43/R44);

Research Training (T) Announcements (T32; T35);

Career Development (K) Announcements (K01; K02; K07; K08; K23; K24; K25; K99/R00);

Fellowship (F) Announcements (F30; F31; F31-Diversity; F32; F33);

Administrative Supplements Announcement (for all activity codes).

Parent Program Announcements (continued)

Three important Parent PAs are:

PA-13-302, NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01), on which 20 NIH Institutes/Centers (ICs) participate;

PA-13-303, NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21), on which 18 ICs participate (but not NCI, so check out PAR-13-146); and

PA-13-304, NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03), on which 11 ICs participate (but not NCI, so check out PAR-14-007).

Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA; R15) Grants

Support **small-scale research projects** in the biomedical and behavioral sciences **conducted by faculty and students** in educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds.

R15-Eligible Institutions and Applicants

- Institutions offering baccalaureate or advanced degrees in biomedical or behavioral sciences.
- Institutions receiving less than \$6 million per year in NIH support (averaged over 7 years).
- Individuals with primary faculty appointments at R15-eligible institutions.
- Individuals who are not Principal Investigators on other active NIH research grants.

Special R15 Submission Requirements

- A profile of available and former students at the institution:
 - Demographics;
 - Number who are enrolled in baccalaureate and doctoral degree programs (if applicable);
 - Number who have obtained advanced degrees in the health-related sciences.
- Evidence of the PI's experience in supervising students on a research project.
- A description of the special characteristics of the institution that make it appropriate for an R15.

Strategies for Successful R15 Applications

- Address the AREA-specific programmatic goals in the application
 - Support meritorious research:
 - Research should contribute to the field;
 - Results should be publishable.
 - Expose students to research:
 - Profile of available and former students at the institution;
 - Experience of the investigator in working with students;
 - How students will be incorporated into the research project;
 - How students will benefit from this research experience.
 - Strengthen the research environment:
 - The suitability of the institution for an award;
 - The impact the AREA grant will have on the institution.

Advanced Funding Opportunities and Notices Search

Search Terms: (e.g. diabetes, RFA-FD-13-013)

Title Text Includes:

Status:

Issuing Organization:

Include Participating:

Application Packages:

Released Date:  On or After

Expiration Date:  On or After

Activity Code:

Activity Code Groups:

Include: Notices FOAs

Parent Announcements Only:



Search

Title	FOA/Notice Number	Related	Issuing Org	Released	Opens	Expires	Activity Code
Provocative Questions in Cancer with an Underlying HIV Infection (R21)	RFA-CA-15-013	Related	NCI	05-14-2015	07-18-2015	08-19-2016	R21
Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions (R21)	RFA-CA-15-009	Related	NCI	03-27-2015	05-29-2015	10-29-2016	R21
Early-life Factors and Cancer Development Later in Life (R21)	PA-15-125	Related	NCI	02-26-2015	05-16-2015	01-08-2018	R21
Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R21)	PAR-15-092	Related	NCI	01-16-2015	05-17-2015	11-18-2017	R21
Innovative Molecular Analysis Technologies for Cancer Research (R21)	RFA-CA-15-002	Related	NCI	01-08-2015	02-17-2015	09-23-2015	R21
Innovative Technologies for Cancer-Relevant Biospecimen Science (R21)	RFA-CA-15-004	Related	NCI	01-08-2015	02-17-2015	09-23-2015	R21
Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research (R21)	PAR-15-053	Related	NCI	11-25-2014	05-22-2015	12-01-2017	R21
Spatial Uncertainty: Data, Modeling, and Communication (R21)	PA-15-009	Related	NCI	10-10-2014	01-16-2015	01-08-2018	R21
Research on Malignancies in the Context of HIV/AIDS (R21)	PA-13-378	Related	NCI	10-21-2013	12-07-2013	09-08-2016	R21
NCI Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (NCI Omnibus R21)	PAR-13-146	Related	NCI	03-19-2013	05-28-2013	09-05-2015	R21
Examination of Survivorship Care Planning Efficacy and Impact [R21]	PA-12-274	Related	NCI	08-29-2012	01-05-2013	01-08-2016	R21
Physical activity and weight control interventions among cancer survivors: Effects on biomarkers of prognosis and survival (R21)	PAR-12-229	Related	NCI	07-10-2012	09-16-2012	09-08-2015	R21
Biomarkers for Early Detection of Hematopoietic Malignancies (R21)	PA-12-220	Related	NCI	06-28-2012	09-16-2012	09-08-2015	R21
Identifying Non-coding RNA Targets for Early Detection of Cancer (R21)	PA-12-214	Related	NCI	06-19-2012	09-16-2012	09-08-2015	R21

NOT-OD-15-095, Reminder: NIH Policy on
Application Compliance

NOT-OD-15-059, Reminders Related to the
NIH/AHRQ Policy for Application Submission

NOT-OD-14-082, Clarifications to the NIH and
AHRQ Policy for Application Submission

NOT-OD-14-074, NIH and AHRQ Announce
Updated Policy for Application Submission

NOT-OD-15-024, New Biographical Sketch Format...

- The new format extends the page limit from four to five pages, and allows researchers to describe up to five of their most significant contributions to science, along with the historical background that framed their research.
- The Science Experts Network ([SciENcv](#)) supports the new biosketch format and facilitates building a compliant biosketch.

NIH/CSR Early Career Reviewer (**ECR**) Program

The goals of the [ECR Program](#) are to:

- Train and educate qualified scientists without prior CSR review experience.
- Help emerging researchers advance their careers by exposing them to a peer review experience.
- Enrich the existing pool of NIH reviewers by including scientists from less research-intensive institutions.

Thank you for listening!

Any questions?