How to Read a Program Announcement

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NSF utilizes a variety of mechanisms to generate proposals.

1. Dear Colleague Letter

Dear Colleague letters are intended to provide general information to the community, clarify or amend an existing policy or document, or inform the NSF proposer community about upcoming opportunities or special competitions for supplements to existing awards. In addition, they are often used to draw attention to an impending change in NSF policies or programs.

2. Program Description
The term "program description" includes broad, general descriptions of programs and activities in NSF Directorates/Offices and Divisions. Program descriptions are often posted on Directorate/Division websites to encourage the submission of proposals in specific program areas of interest to NSF. Program descriptions, like program announcements, utilize the generic eligibility and proposal preparation instructions specified in the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG), as well as the National Science Board (NSB) approved merit review criteria. Clicking on the Program Guidelines Solicitation number will bring you to the individual solicitation for this program.

Programs:
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503214
3. Program Announcement
The term "program announcement" refers to formal NSF publications that announce NSF programs. Program announcements and program descriptions (see C.2 above) are the primary mechanisms used by NSF to communicate opportunities for research and education support, as well as to generate proposals.

Program announcements utilize the generic eligibility and proposal preparation guidelines specified in the GPG and incorporate the NSB approved merit review criteria.

To reach the Program solicitation for this announcement, again, look for the Program Solicitation number and click on it, then choose your preferred format.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pi ms_id=6201&org=ENG&from=home
4. Program Solicitation
The term "program solicitation" refers to formal NSF publications that encourage the submission of proposals in specific program areas of interest to NSF.

• They generally are more focused than program announcements, and normally apply for a limited period of time. Competition among proposals is more precisely defined than with program announcements, and proposals received compete directly with each other for NSF funding.

• Program solicitations are issued when the funding opportunity has one or more of the following features:
  • Provides supplemental proposal preparation guidance or deviates from the guidelines established in the Grant Proposal Guide;
  • Contains additional specially crafted review criteria relevant to the program;
  • Requires submission of a letter of intent or preliminary proposal;
  • Deviates from (or restricts) the standard categories of proposers specified in Section E. below;
  • Limits the number of proposals that may be submitted by any organization and/or researcher/educator;
  • Specifies additional award conditions or reporting requirements;
  • Anticipates use of a cooperative agreement; or
  • Permits inclusion of the payment of fees to awardees, when appropriate.
NIH Solicitations

Get to know the NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices webpage [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/)

Here you will find links to:

- **Active RFAs** (Requests for Applications)
- **Active PAs** (Program Announcements)
- **Recent Notices** (Released in Last 12 Months)
**Program Announcement (PA)**

- Identifies areas of increased priority and/or emphasis on particular funding mechanisms for a specific area of science
- Usually accepted on standard receipt (postmarked) dates on an on-going basis
- Remains active for three years from date of release unless the announcement indicates a specific expiration date or the NIH Institute/Center (I/C) inactivates sooner (see January 13, 2005 NIH Guide Notice for more information on Expiration Dates)

**Request for Application (RFA)**

- Identifies a more narrowly defined area for which one or more NIH institutes have set aside funds for awarding grants
- Usually has a single receipt (received on or before) date specified in the RFA announcement
- Usually reviewed by a Scientific Review Group convened by the issuing awarding component

**Notice (NOT)**

- Announces policy and procedures, changes to RFA or PA announcements, RFPs and other general information items

> Notices also contain RFI’s - Request for Information
> A potential opportunity for investigator(s) to respond to share their comments, ideas, approaches etc. Most RFI’s become RFA’s.
Important: Not all institutes accept investigator-initiated applications. This varies by announcement (funding mechanism). For example, NCI does not accept unsolicited R21’s. Note how they are not listed in the participating organization list for the R21 parent application.

NCI not listed. Always check this section!
Solicitation:

The program announcement always trumps the SF424 instructions!

SF424 Instructions:

...trumps...
Which institutes will accept applications for the specific announcement

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| Announcement Type              | Reissue of PA-11-260
All related notices are listed. This section can give you history for the announcement such as form requirements, addition or removal of proposal sections or which institutes now participate or no longer participate.

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<td>• NOT-DK-13-013 &quot;Clarification of NIDDK Policy: Investigator-Initiated Multi-Center Clinical Studies&quot;</td>
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FOA number: needed to determine which form set to use

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Why this solicitation?

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**NIH Standard Due Dates Chart:**
[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm)
At Northeastern we utilize Coues to submit applications that allow for system-to-system (S2S) submission, however if the particular application was not eligible as an S2S submission you could click on “Apply for Grant Electronically” to download the applicable forms.

**Required Application Instructions**

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, except where instructed to do otherwise (in this FOA or in a Notice from the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts). Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the FOA) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in Section IV. When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions. Applications that do not comply with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

[Apply for Grant Electronically](#)

A compatible version of Adobe Reader is required for download. For assistance downloading this or any Grants.gov application package, please contact Grants.gov Customer Support at [http://www07.grants.gov/contactus/contactus.jsp](http://www07.grants.gov/contactus/contactus.jsp).

This button also takes you to the grants.gov page where you can submit your email address to be notified of any changes or updates made to the solicitation. It’s recommended that both the PI and the administrator provide their email address.
More details about the announcement found here:

**Section I. Funding Opportunity Description**

The Research Project Grant (R01) supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project in scientific areas that represent the investigators' specific interests and competencies and that fall within the mission of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs). The R01 is the original, and historically the oldest, grant mechanism used by the NIH to support health-related research and development.

Research grant applications are assigned to an NIH IC based on receipt and referral guidelines and many applications are assigned to multiple ICs with related research interests.

Each IC maintains a web site with funding opportunities and areas of interest. Contacting an IC representative may help focus the proposed research based on an understanding of the mission of the IC. For specific information about the mission of each NIH IC, see [http://www.nih.gov/icod](http://www.nih.gov/icod), which provides a brief summary of the research interests in each IC and access to individual IC websites.

Begin with the end in mind! Award information is needed at the proposal stage. What is the type of application? How many years can we plan for?

**Section II. Award Information**

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<th>Funding Instrument</th>
<th>Grant: A support mechanism providing money, property, or both to an eligible entity to carry out an approved project or activity.</th>
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| Application Types Allowed | New  
Renewal  
Resubmission  
Revision  
The [OER Glossary](http://www.nih.gov/icod) and the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide provide details on these application types. |
| Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards | The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. |
| Award Budget | Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. |
| Award Project Period | The scope of the proposed project should determine the project period. The maximum project period is 5 years. |

NIH grants policies as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](http://www.nih.gov/icod) will apply to the applications submitted and awards made in response to this FOA.
Always look at this section carefully and confirm with the PI that they are in fact eligible. There are some unique announcements in which we are not eligible to apply. Example: SBIR/STTR

Section III. Eligibility Information

1. Eligible Applicants

Eligible Organizations

Higher Education Institutions
- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for NIH support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:
- Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
- American Indian/Alaska Native Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)

Nonprofits Other Than Institutions of Higher Education
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

For-Profit Organizations
- Small Businesses
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses)

Governments
- State Governments
- County Governments
- City or Township Governments
- Special District Governments
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)

Also in section III, eligibility for individuals. Again, each solicitation is different so always review this section.

Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator)

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s)) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/Pis, visit the Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.
ORAF renews registration requirements yearly so no need to register as an applicant organization.

**Required Registrations**

**Applicant Organizations**

Applicant organizations must complete and maintain the following registrations as described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide to be eligible to apply for or receive an award. All registrations must be completed prior to the application being submitted. Registration can take 6 weeks or more, so applicants should begin the registration process as soon as possible. The [NIH Policy on Late Submission of Grant Applications](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/late_submission.htm) states that failure to complete registrations in advance of a due date is not a valid reason for a late submission.

- [Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS)](https://www.dnb.com/) - All registrations require that applicants be issued a DUNS number. After obtaining a DUNS number, applicants can begin both SAM and eRA Commons registrations. The same DUNS number must be used for all registrations, as well as on the grant application.
- [System for Award Management (SAM)](https://www.sam.gov) (formerly CCR) – Applicants must complete and maintain an active registration. This requires renewal at least annually. The renewal process may require as much time as the initial registration. SAM registration includes the assignment of a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code for domestic organizations which have not already been assigned a CAGE Code.
- [NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) Code](https://www.fed.gov) – Foreign organizations must obtain an NCAGE code (in lieu of a CAGE code) in order to register in SAM.
- [eRA Commons](https://era.nih.gov/era) - Applicants must have an active DUNS number and SAM registration in order to complete the eRA Commons registration. Organizations can register with the eRA Commons as they are working through their SAM or Grants.gov registration. eRA Commons requires organizations to identify at least one Signing Official (SO) and at least one Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) account in order to submit an application.
- [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) – Applicants must have an active DUNS number and SAM registration in order to complete the Grants.gov registration.

**Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD(s)/PI(s))**

All PD(s)/PI(s) must have an eRA Commons account and should work with their organizational officials to either create a new account or to affiliate an existing account with the applicant organization’s eRA Commons account. If the PD/PI is also the organizational Signing Official, they must have two distinct eRA Commons accounts, one for each role. Obtaining an eRA Commons account can take up to 2 weeks.

However, all PI’s need to have an eRA Commons account.

**Coming soon: all graduate students will be required to have an eRA Commons ID! Effective with RPPR (progress report submissions after 10/18/2013), and then eventually all new applications.**
Is cost sharing a requirement? If so what amount/kind etc. If cost sharing is not required it is not recommended that it be included.

2. Cost Sharing
This FOA does not require cost sharing as defined in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

3. Additional Information on Eligibility

Number of Applications
Applicant organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

NIH will not accept any application that is essentially the same as one already reviewed within the past thirty-seven months (as described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement), except for submission:

- To an RFA of an application that was submitted previously as an investigator-initiated application but not paid;
- Of an investigator-initiated application that was originally submitted to an RFA but not paid; or
- Of an application with a changed grant activity code.

Additional information on the number of applications that will be accepted. From the institution or the individual PI, or possibly both.
Section IV. Application and Submission Information

1. Requesting an Application Package
Applicants must download the SF424 (R&R) application package associated with this funding opportunity using the "Apply for Grant Electronically" button in this FOA or following the directions provided at Grants.gov.

2. Content and Form of Application Submission
It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, except where instructed in this funding opportunity announcement to do otherwise. Conformance to the requirements in the Application Guide is required and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

For information on Application Submission and Receipt, visit Frequently Asked Questions – Application Guide, Electronic Submission of Grant Applications.

Page Limitations
All page limitations described in the SF424 Application Guide and the Table of Page Limits must be followed.

Required and Optional Components
The forms package associated with this FOA includes all applicable components, required and optional. Please note that some components marked optional in the application package are required for submission of applications for this FOA. Follow all instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide to ensure you complete all appropriate "optional" components.

Instructions for Application Submission
The following section supplements the instructions found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide and should be used for preparing an application to this FOA.

SF424(R&R) Cover
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Project/Performance Site Locations
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Other Project Information
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

SF424(R&R) Senior/Key Person Profile
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

R&R or Modular Budget
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

PHS 398 Research Plan
All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

Resource Sharing Plan. Individuals are required to comply with the instructions for the Resource Sharing Plans (Data Sharing Plan, Sharing Model Organisms, and Genome Wide Association Studies (GWAS)) as provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

Appendix: Do not use the Appendix to circumvent page limits. Follow all instructions for the Appendix as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

What is required? Remember, these are requirements and any deviation could cause a failed or un-reviewed application!
3. Submission Dates and Times

Part I: Overview Information contains information about Key Dates. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications before the due date to ensure they have time to make any application corrections that might be necessary for successful submission.

Organizations must submit applications to Grants.gov, the online portal to find and apply for grants across all Federal agencies. Applicants must then complete the submission process by tracking the status of the application in the eRA Commons, NIH’s electronic system for grants administration. NIH and Grants.gov systems check the application against many of the application instructions upon submission. Errors must be corrected and a changed/corrected application must be submitted to Grants.gov on or before the application due date. If a Changed/Corrected application is submitted after the deadline, the application will be considered late.

Applicants are responsible for viewing their application before the due date in the eRA Commons to ensure accurate and successful submission.

Information on the submission process and a definition of on-time submission are provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

4. Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)

This initiative is not subject to intergovernmental review.

5. Funding Restrictions

All NIH awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

Pre-award costs are allowable only as described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

6. Other Submission Requirements and Information

Applications must be submitted electronically following the instructions described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must complete all required registrations before the application due date. Section III: Eligibility Information contains information about registration.

For assistance with your electronic application or for more information on the electronic submission process, visit Applying Electronically.

Important reminders:

- All PD(s)/PI(s) must include their eRA Commons ID in the Credential field of the Senior/Key Person Profile Component of the SF424(R&R) Application Package. Failure to register in the Commons and to include a valid PD/PI Commons ID in the credential field will prevent the successful submission of an electronic application to NIH. See Section III of this FOA for information on registration requirements.

The applicant organization must ensure that the DUNS number it provides on the application is the same number used in the organization’s profile in the eRA
This text is not in its own section and can easily be overlooked or not submitted in time for the proposal to meet the deadline.

**Requests of $500,000 or more for direct costs in any year**

Applicants requesting $500,000 or more in direct costs in any year (excluding consortium F&A) must contact NIH program staff at least 8 weeks before submitting the application and follow the Policy on the Acceptance for Review of Unsolicited Applications that Request $500,000 or More in Direct Costs as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

The good news, this does not include the consortium F&A costs. This goes back to a revised policy from 2004 to enhance collaborations.

**NIH Announces Revised Policy: Applications that Include Consortium/Contractual Facilities and Administrative Costs**

**Notice Number:** NOT-OD-05-004
The review information section includes sections such as review criteria, review and selection process and a link to eRA Commons for the summary statement can be viewed.

**Section V. Application Review Information**

**1. Criteria**

Only the review criteria described below will be considered in the review process. As part of the NIH mission, all applications submitted to the NIH in support of biomedical and behavioral research are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system.

**Overall Impact**

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

**Scored Review Criteria**

Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit, and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

**Significance**

Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?

**Investigator(s)**

Are the PD(s)/PI(s), collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, or in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise, are their

A great resource that many faculty at Northeastern have purchased and recommend is “The Grant Application Writer’s Workbook”. The NIH version addresses the review criteria in great detail with guidance and examples of how to approach each section.

Section VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices

If the application is under consideration for funding, NIH will request "just-in-time" information from the applicant as described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

A formal notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NoA) will be provided to the applicant organization for successful applications. The NoA signed by the grants management officer is the authorizing document and will be sent via email to the grantee's business official.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards include the NIH Grants Policy Statement as part of the NoA. For these terms of award, see the NIH Grants Policy Statement Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards. Subpart A: General and Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards. Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Grantees, and Activities. More information is provided at Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants.

Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions of Award

Not Applicable

3. Reporting

When multiple years are involved, awardees will be required to submit the annual Non-Competing Progress Report (PHS 2500 or RPPR) and financial statements as required in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

A final progress report, invention statement, and the expenditure data portion of the Federal Financial Report are required for closeout of an award, as described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act), includes a requirement for awardees of Federal grants to report information

Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

Application Submission Contacts

eRA Commons Help Desk (Questions regarding eRA Commons registration, submitting and tracking an application, documenting system problems that threaten submission by the due date, post submission issues)
Telephone: 301-402-7489 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)
Web ticketing system: https://public.era.nih.gov/commonshelp
TTY: 301-451-5939
Email: commons@od.nih.gov

Section VIII. Other Information

Recently issued trans-NIH policy notices may affect your application submission. A full list of policy notices published by NIH is provided in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts. All awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the NIH Grants Policy Statement.

Authority and Regulations

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