

NIH R15 General Guidelines

About

The NIH Research Enhancement Award (R15) supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists but that have not been major recipients of NIH support.

Learn more: [NIH Research Enhancement Award \(R15\)](#)

Sample Applications: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications>

Helpful Links

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General Information

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<i>Application Characteristics</i>	
<i>Project Period</i>	Up to 3 years
<i>Budget</i>	Limited to \$300,000 in direct costs over the entire project period. * R15 grants are multi-year funded awards. The entire budget, for all years of the award, must be requested in the first budget year. Do not complete budget periods 2 or 3. They are not required and will not be accepted with the application.
<i>Organizational Eligibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The application must be submitted by the eligible undergraduate-focused organization• The applicant institution must be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the time of application submission, all the non-health professional components of the institution together have not received support from the NIH totaling more than \$6 million per year (in both direct and F&A/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years. A signed letter is required from the Provost or similar official with institution-wide responsibility verifying the eligibility of the applicant institution at the time of application submission
<i>Investigator Eligibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PI must have a primary appointment at the R15-eligible institution. The PI may not be the PI of an active NIH research grant at the time of a R15 award, though he or she may be one of the Key Personnel for an active NIH grant held by another PD/PI. The PI may not be awarded more than one R15 grant at a time. Eligibility applies only to the PI and Multiple PIs, not to collaborators, consultants, or sub awardees.

<i>Due Dates</i>			
<i>LOI Due Date</i>	As applicable		
<i>New Grant Applications</i>	February 25	June 25	October 25
<i>AIDS and Aids-related Applications</i>	May 7	September 7	January 7

Uploaded Documents

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<i>Project Information</i>		
<i>Project Summary/Abstract</i>	30 lines of text	Required
<i>Project Narrative</i>	2-3 Sentences	Required
<i>Bibliography & References Cited</i>	No page restriction	Required, unless otherwise noted in the FOA
<i>Facilities & Other Resources</i>	No page restriction	Required, unless otherwise noted in the FOA
<i>Equipment</i>	No page restriction	List major items of equipment available for the project.
<i>Other Attachments</i>		As applicable

<i>Senior/Key Personnel</i>		
<i>Biographical Sketch</i>	5 pages each	Required to use SciENCv Template
<i>Current & Pending Support</i>	No page restriction	If required, use SciENCv Template

<i>Budget</i>		
<i>Type/Format</i>	Modular Budget	R&R Detailed Budget
	Use Modular Budget for requests up to \$250,000 of direct costs/year	Use Detailed Budget for requests greater than \$250,000 of direct costs/year.
<i>Budget Justification</i>	Provide personnel justification only, no amounts.	Justify all costs including Data Management and Sharing plan costs.
<i>Additional Narrative Justification</i>	Justify Data Management and Sharing plan costs, if any. If no costs associated, disclose.	

<i>Research Plan</i>		
<i>Introduction to Application</i>	1 page maximum	For resubmission and revision applications only
<i>Specific Aims</i>	1 page	Required
<i>Research Strategy</i>	12 pages and must include the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance • Innovation • Approach 	Required
<i>Progress Report Publication List</i>	No page restriction	For renewal applications only

<i>Other Research Plan Section</i>		
<i>Vertebrate Animals</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Select Agent Research</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Consortium/Contractual Agreements</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Letters of Support</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Resource Sharing Plan</i>	No page restriction	Required
<i>Other Plans</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan</i>	No page restriction	Required. DMS Plan Guidelines
<i>Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources</i>	1 page maximum	As applicable

<i>Appendix</i>	Refer to FOA guidelines for page restrictions	Only if FOA requests appendix materials
<i>PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information</i>	No page restriction	As applicable