Getting Started:
NIH Structure and Funding Opportunities

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NIH Main web site

http://www.nih.gov/

NIH Director:

Dr. Francis S. Collins
NIH has 27 Institutes and Centers:
Included is the **CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC REVIEW**

http://www.nih.gov/icd/
Center for Scientific Review

Review Group Descriptions
Study Section Rosters
Meeting Dates
eRA Commons

http://public.csr.nih.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Getting Connected to the NIH
The eRA Commons site

NIH's eRA systems provide applicants, grantees and federal staff the tools necessary for electronic processing of grants. Used by NIH, AHRQ, CDC, FDA, SAMHSA and the VA, the eRA Commons and IMPAC II systems support the full grants life cycle from receipt to award to closeout.

**What's New?**

- eRA Commons and ASSIST Unavailable December 21-22 for Maintenance (December 18, 2013)
- NIH eRA eSubmission Items of Interest (December 13, 2013)
- Intermittent Log-in Issues Have Been Resolved (November 26, 2013)

**New Resources**

- LikeThis User Guide (PDF - 2 MB) (December 17, 2013)
- Reviewers: How to Set Up and Maintain Personal Profile in eRA Commons (December 12, 2013)
- xTrain External User Guide (PDF - 33 MB) (December 12, 2013)

http://era.nih.gov/
NIH Forms and Applications
RO1 form SF424 and PHS398

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm
NIH Glossary & Acronym List
Alphabetical listing of all “NIH Language”

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm
Sign up for e-mail services: receive Program Announcements from the NIH and specific institutes, i.e. NINDS

http://www.grants.gov/search/email.do
What is NIH Looking For & Who is Eligible?

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grant_basics.htm
Planning Your Application

Introduction
Search for the Right Funding Opportunities
Developing a Strategy
Determine Application Submission Date
Registering and Obtaining Approvals from NIH
Additional Planning Considerations
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/planning_application.htm
Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)

**Parent Announcement:**
No specific solicitation of the application. Applicant initiated.

**Program announcements (PA):**
Specific areas of research requested/NIH Initiated. Grant topic is submitted under a specific PA. Reviewed through the Center for Scientific Review

**PAR**: Institute initiated and reviewed.

**PAS**: Set aside funds

**Request for Applications (RFA):** Very Specific Research Solicited with unique deadlines.
**Tips from the Experts**

As noted in the chart above, NIH provides support for NIH-requested research applications that are submitted through specific FOAs, and “unsolicited” research applications that are submitted through general “Parent” FOAs.

- Begin searching active FOAs in your scientific field in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts or on the Web sites of specific Institutes/Centers (ICs), which list program announcements and requests for applications with associated FOAs that reflect their respective research priorities and initiatives. The NIH Guide allows searches by scientific area of research, grant mechanism, or specific IC.

- ICs can have overlapping research priorities and multiple ICs may sponsor a particular FOA. It is important to look at the FOA to verify which ICs participate, as not all ICs support the same grant mechanisms and programs.

- If you do not see an FOA specific to your area of interest in the NIH Guide or on an IC Web site, use one of the “Parent” FOAs to develop an investigator-initiated application.

- Read the FOA carefully for any special review criteria or special application instructions before writing your application. **Take a second look at the funding opportunity announcement!** Be sure to follow the instructions in the FOA and in the application guide carefully.
Validation of Novel Therapeutic Targets for Huntington’s Disease (R01)

Funding Contact(s): Margaret Sutherland, Ph.D.

Funding Categories: Neurodegeneration

Brief Description:
The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) invites research project grant (R01) applications aimed at validating novel molecular targets for disease-modifying therapeutic intervention in Huntington’s disease. This FOA is for support of new projects, and not the continuation of projects that have already been initiated with NIH funding.

Grant Mechanism: R01

NIH Guide: [PAS-10-183](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/funding_announcements/allcurrent.htm)

Release Date: 2010-04-30

Expiration Date: 2013-05-08
**Loan Repayment Program**

The FY 2014 application is now closed. Your NIH LRP application is currently under review.

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1. **about the programs**
2. **eligibility**
3. **apply online**

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**EXTRAMURAL LRP**

- CLINICAL RESEARCH
- PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
- HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH
- CONTRACEPTION AND INFERTILITY RESEARCH
- CLINICAL RESEARCH FOR INDIVIDUALS FROM DISADVANTAGED Backgrounds

**INTRAMURAL LRP**

- AIDS RESEARCH
- CLINICAL RESEARCH FOR INDIVIDUALS FROM DISADVANTAGED Backgrounds
- GENERAL RESEARCH (INCLUDING LRP FOR ACGME FELLOWS)

**NIH EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

- APPLICANT INFORMATION BULLETIN
- REPORTS & STATISTICS
- POLICY & GUIDANCE
- SIGN UP FOR LISTSERV

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**Application Cycle Deadlines and Contract Start Date**

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We strongly encourage you to learn about the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) related to your respective area(s) of research. Visit the IC websites, review their missions and research priorities, and contact the LRP liaisons using the [IC Contacts and Research Priorities List](http://www.lrp.nih.gov/index.aspx).

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**Freedom To Pursue Your Career In Research**

Research scientists develop treatments and discover cures for diseases and disorders that affect us all. More researchers are needed to meet today’s critical health needs. The NIH Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) encourage promising researchers and scientists to pursue research careers by repaying up to $35,000 of their qualified student loan debt each year, through: