

NIH funding opportunities

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Confirm your intent to apply *ASAP*, but not later than *60 days* before the submission date.



See all Important Notices, Parent Announcements and Notice of Special Interest below

Plan your application. Before starting your application attend

- 1) *Generic Grant Writing Workshop and then the*
- 2) *NIH Grant Writing Workshop*

To prepare an application can take 4-18 months.

From submission to receiving a Notice of Award can take 10 months

Notices

NOT-OD-26-029 **NIH Removing AIDS Application Due Dates from NOFOs.** Removing AIDS application due dates will assist NIH's efforts to improve efficiency and strengthen the integrity of the peer review process, while maintaining a high standard of scientific evaluation for HIV/AIDS applications.

NOT-OD-26-032 **Basic Experimental Studies in Humans (BESH) Will No Longer Be Considered Clinical Trials by the NIH.** In the context of the definition of clinical trials, the NIH now considers a health-related biomedical or behavioural outcome as having the potential for direct advancement of health. Although BESH research, which produces fundamental information about biology or behaviour, might eventually inform advances in health, it is not conducted with the express intent of changing clinical practice or health but rather aims to understand fundamental aspects of phenomena without immediate clinical applications. Therefore, BESH research is no longer considered to meet the NIH definition of a clinical trial.

NOT-OD-26-020 **Notice of Temporary Extension to Early-Stage Investigator (ESI) Eligibility Period.** the National Institutes of Health (NIH) hereby announces an automatic short-term extension of Early-Stage Investigator (ESI) eligibility in response to disruptions caused by the recent lapse in federal appropriations. The extension is intended to lessen the impact of these disruptions on application submission, peer review, and award processing. Investigators whose ESI end date was in September, October, or November 2025 will have ESI status extended through March 31, 2026; the last submission as an ESI must be on or before that date.

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Add "Interest in NIH opportunity" in the subject line.

Add the notice number with hyperlink in the text of the email.