NINR is a part of the National Institutes of Health, the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world. NINR supports research that enhances health and wellness at every stage of life, including for those with chronic conditions or serious illnesses. NINR offers grants to individuals at all points in their career, from early investigators to established scientists. NINR grants also support small businesses and research centers.

Research Grants

NIH Research Project Grant Program
- NIH’s most commonly used grant program, supports discrete, specified, circumscribed projects
- No dollar limit unless specified
- Generally awarded for three to five years

NIH Research Enhancement Award
- AREA supports research at undergraduate institutions
- REAP supports research at health professional and graduate schools
- Eligibility limited (see area.nih.gov)
- Direct cost limited to $300,000 over project period
- Project period up to three years

NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award
- Supports early project development, pilot or feasibility studies
- No preliminary data is generally required
- Limited to two years of funding
- Combined two-year budget for direct costs not to exceed $275,000

NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant
- Supports final plans for the design and execution of clinical trials
- Must include pilot or feasibility studies
- Limited to two years of funding
- Combined two-year budget for direct costs not to exceed $250,000

Areas of Science and Program Contacts:

> ninnr.nih.gov/programcontacts

The NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts is NIH’s official publication of notices of grant policies, guidelines and funding opportunity announcements.

> grants.nih.gov/funding/searchguide

The NIH Center for Scientific Review has FAQs for applicants.

> public.csr.nih.gov/FAQs/ApplicantsFAQs

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Small Business Grants

**sbir.nih.gov**

- **Small Business Innovative Research**
  - Funds early-stage U.S. small businesses seeking to commercialize innovative biomedical technologies
  - PI’s primary employment must be with the small business concern

- **Small Business Technology Transfer**
  - Supports collaboration between U.S. small businesses and research institutions
  - PI may be employed with either collaborating component

Research Center Grants

**ninr.nih.gov/centers**

- **Exploratory Centers (P20)**
- **Centers of Excellence (P30)**
- Exploratory Centers support institutions with relatively new research programs
- Centers of Excellence support institutions with demonstrated research success
- Applications must respond to an RFA

Training and Career Awards

**researchtraining.nih.gov**

- **F31** *Ruth L. Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Award*: Supervised training for predoctoral individuals leading toward a research doctoral degree

- **F32** *Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral Individual National Research Service Award*: For postdoctoral research training

- **F33** *Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Senior Fellows*: For experienced scientists making major career changes or acquiring new capabilities in research

- **K23** *Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award*: Career development of clinically trained professionals carrying out patient-oriented research

- **K24** *Mid-career Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research*: Providing mid-career clinicians with protected time for patient-oriented research and mentoring early clinical investigators

- **K99/ R00** *Pathway to Independence Award*: Mentored research experience (K99) followed by independent research (R00) for highly qualified, postdoctoral researchers securing independent research positions

- **T32** *Ruth L. Kirschstein Institutional National Research Service Award*: Enabling institutions to recruit individuals for predoctoral and/or postdoctoral research training in specified scientific areas

**Additional Resources**

- **Grants Process Overview**
  - Steps required for an application to proceed from planning and submission through to award and closeout.
  - [grants.nih.gov/grants/grants_process.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/grants_process.htm)

- **How to Apply**
  - Instructions and guidance on submitting grant applications to NIH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

- **More Information**
  - Key resources for researchers, administrators, reviewers, small businesses, and foreign applicants.
  - [grants.nih.gov/grants/information-for.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/information-for.htm)

- **Find Out What NINR Supports**
  - Search a database of NIH-funded research projects and access publications and patents resulting from NIH funding.
  - [projectreporter.nih.gov](http://projectreporter.nih.gov)