



Types of Grant Programs

NIH uses activity codes (e.g. R01, R43, etc.) to differentiate the wide variety of research-related programs we support. NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) may vary in the way they use activity codes; not all ICs accept applications for all types of grant programs or they apply specialized eligibility criteria. Look closely at Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) to determine which ICs participate and the specifics of eligibility.

A comprehensive list of extramural grant and cooperative agreement activity codes is available, or you can search for specific codes below:

- Search Activity Codes:  (e.g. R01, P01, T, K, F, etc.)
- Search All Text:  (e.g. Mentored, Training, etc.)
- Select from List:

The following groupings represent the main types of grant funding we provide:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Grants (R series)</li> <li>• Career Development Awards (K series)</li> <li>• Research Training and Fellowships (T &amp; F series)</li> <li>• Program Project/Center Grants (P series)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Grants (various series)</li> <li>• Trans-NIH Programs</li> <li>• Inactive Programs (Archive)</li> </ul>
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Frequently Used

The following represent frequently used research grant programs. A comprehensive list of all activity codes is also available.

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R01	<p><b>NIH Research Project Grant Program (R01)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used to support a discrete, specified, circumscribed research project</li> <li>• NIH's most commonly used grant program</li> <li>• No specific dollar limit unless specified in FOA</li> <li>• Advance permission required for \$500K or more (direct costs) in any year</li> <li>• Generally awarded for 3 -5 years</li> <li>• All ICs utilize</li> <li>• See parent FOA: PA-13-302</li> </ul>
R03	<p><b>NIH Small Grant Program (R03):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides limited funding for a short period of time to support a variety of types of projects, including: pilot or feasibility studies, collection of preliminary data, secondary analysis of existing data, small, self-contained research projects, development of new research technology, etc.</li> <li>• Limited to two years of funding</li> <li>• Direct costs generally up to \$50,000 per year</li> <li>• Not renewable</li> <li>• Utilized by more than half of the NIH ICs</li> <li>• See parent FOA: PA-13-304</li> </ul>
R13	<p><b>NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13 and U13)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for high quality conferences/scientific meetings that are relevant to NIH's scientific mission and to the public health</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires advance permission from the funding IC</li> <li>Foreign institutions are not eligible to apply</li> <li>Award amounts vary and limits are set by individual ICs</li> <li>Support for up to 5 years may be possible</li> <li>See parent FOA: PA-13-347</li> </ul>
R15	<p>NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by students and faculty in health professional schools and other academic components that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds</li> <li>Eligibility limited (see <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm</a>)</li> <li>Direct cost limited to \$300,000 over entire project period</li> <li>Project period limited to up to 3 years</li> <li>All NIH ICs utilize except FIC an NCMHD</li> <li>See parent FOA: PA-13-313</li> </ul>
R21	<p>NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourages new, exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early stages of project development. Sometimes used for pilot and feasibility studies.</li> <li>Limited to up to two years of funding</li> <li>Combined budget for direct costs for the two year project period usually may not exceed \$275,000.</li> <li>No preliminary data is generally required</li> <li>Most ICs utilize</li> <li>See parent FOA: PA-13-303</li> </ul>
R34	<p>NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34) Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed to permit early peer review of the rationale for the proposed clinical trial and support development of essential elements of a clinical trial</li> <li>Usually project period of one year, sometimes up to 3</li> <li>Usually, a budget of up to \$100,000 direct costs, sometimes up to \$450,000</li> <li>Used only by select ICs; no parent FOA</li> </ul>
R41/R42	<p>Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intended to stimulate scientific and technological innovation through cooperative research/research and development (R/R&amp;D) carried out between small business concerns (SBCs) and research institutions (RIs)</li> <li>Fosters technology transfer between SBCs and RIs</li> <li>Assists the small business and research communities in commercializing innovative technologies</li> <li>Three-phase structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I - Feasibility study to establish scientific/technical merit of the proposed R/R&amp;D efforts (generally, 1 year; \$150,000)</li> <li>II - Full R/R&amp;D efforts initiated in Phase I (generally 2 years; \$1,000,000)</li> <li>III- Commercialization stage (cannot use STTR funds)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Eligibility limited to U.S. small business concerns</li> <li>Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) may be employed with the SBC or the participating non-profit research institution as long as he/she has a formal appointment with or commitment to the applicant SBC.</li> <li>Multiple PD/Pis allowed</li> <li>All ICs utilize except FIC</li> <li>See parent FOA: PA-12-089</li> </ul>
R43/R44	<p>Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intended to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector by supporting research or research and development (R/R&amp;D) for for-profit institutions for ideas that have potential for commercialization</li> <li>Assists the small business research community in commercializing innovative technologies</li> </ul>