



National Institute of Dental
and Craniofacial Research

Overview of NIH Career Development Awards

Shoba Thirumangalathu

Research Training & Career Development Branch

www.nidcr.nih.gov/careers-training



-
- This webinar is being recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please feel free to sign off and view the recording and slides that will be posted on NIDCR RTCDB webpage.
 - You may request slides by emailing nidcrtraining@nidcr.nih.gov
 - Please use the chat box to enter your question.
 - Questions will be monitored throughout the presentation. There will be a formal Q & A session after the presentation.

Outline

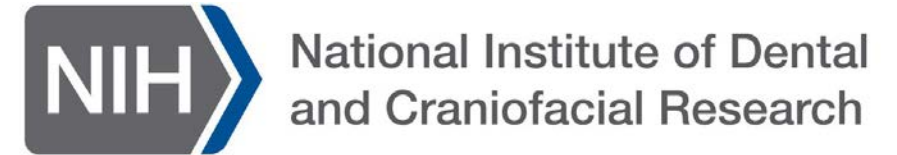
- Career Development (K) mechanisms
- Application Process and Resources
- Some Recent Updates
- Q&A from the audience

Overview of NIH



27 different Institutes and Centers,
each with a specific research
mission

www.nih.gov



[Español](#)

MENU

Search



Oral Health for All

NIDCR supports research to improve
dental, oral, and craniofacial health.

[Learn more](#)

<https://www.nidcr.nih.gov>

To advance fundamental knowledge about dental, oral, and craniofacial (DOC) health and disease and translate these findings into prevention, early detection, and treatment strategies that improve overall health for all individuals and communities across the lifespan.

Career Development Awards

Postdoctoral

Junior Faculty

- Career Development Awards (CDA) or "K" awards are designed for:
 - Individuals with a doctoral degree who have demonstrated independent research accomplishments
 - Need additional research training experience to establish or sustain an independent research program.
- K awards provide up to five years of salary support **and guarantee substantial protected time** to engage in research and related career development activities.
- Not every NIH IC participates in every K mechanism
- ICs may have specific policies for K awards
- View current K funding opportunities -
<https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/career-development>

Mentored Career Development Awards (K)

Postdoctoral

Junior Faculty

Goal: To prepare individuals for subsequent independent research funding

Eligibility:

US citizen or permanent resident, full time salaried position, *at time of award*

Effort:

- 75% effort research and career development (K support)
- 25% effort clinical, teaching, administrative activities (university support)

Award:

- \$100,000 salary and fringe benefits, per year; 3-5 years
- \$25,000 research development support, per year; 8% indirect costs

Dentists:

- May use for research leading to a PhD

NIDCR is participating in 9 career development funding opportunities, including 2 for dentist scientists

NOFO ID	NOFO Name	Next Due Date(s)
PA-24-176	K01 Mentored Research Scientist Development Award	02/12/2026
PA-24-179	K02 Independent Scientist Award	
PA-24-182	K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award	
PAR-24-219	K08 NIH HEAL Initiative PainCare Clinician Training Program: Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Awards	06/12/2026
PAR-25-027	K22 NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators	
PA-24-185	K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award	10/12/2026
PA-24-191	K25 Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award	
PA-24-194	K99 NIH Pathway to Independence Award	
PAR-25-333	K99 NIDCR Dual Degree Dentist Scientist Pathway to Independence Award	

Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01)

Supports individuals with **research and clinical doctoral degrees** and those who have had a **research career interruption** due to family responsibilities or other qualifying circumstances

Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (K08)

Supports individuals with **clinical doctoral degrees** to conduct **basic biomedical and behavioral research, including translational research**

NIDCR Dentist Scientist Career Transition Award for Intramural Investigators (K22)

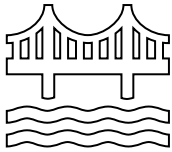
Facilitates transition of highly qualified **intramural dentist scientists** from NIH Intramural postdoctoral research positions to extramural, academic tenure-track or equivalent faculty positions at eligible U.S. institutions.

Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)

Supports individuals with **clinical doctoral degrees** to conduct research with human subjects (or on material of human origin such as tissues, specimens and cognitive phenomena) **for which an investigator directly interacts with human subjects**.

Mentored Quantitative Research Development Award (K25)

Supports productive **quantitative scientists and engineers seeking to integrate their expertise with NIH relevant research**, postdocs to senior faculty are eligible



Pathway to Independence Career Transition K99/R00 Programs

NIH PARENT

- Any doctoral degree
- US citizen, permanent resident, **non-citizen**
- 1-2 years mentored K99
- 3-year independent R00

NIDCR DENTIST SCIENTIST

Dual degree DDS/DMD-PhD

US citizen, permanent resident,
non-citizen

2-year K99 phase required unless
significant prior postdoc

3-year independent R00

*Optional 5-year R00 award
if concurrent 25% specialty
training*

Less than 4 years postdoctoral experience at the time of submission/resubmission; Extension of eligibility for childbirth

K99 postdoctoral transition to R00 independent tenure track position

75% minimum research effort; remaining 25% accommodates specialty/clinical activities – both phases

NIDCR K99 salary up to \$100,000; fringe; \$25,000 research

R00: \$249,000 total costs

Considerations for Choosing a Funding Opportunity

- **Career stage**
 - Postdoctoral researcher, junior faculty - *duration of mentored research training*
- **Citizenship**
 - U.S. citizen, permanent resident, non-citizen (US visa status)
- **Academic and professional degrees**
 - Clinicians, dual degree DDS/DMD-PhD dentist scientists, degrees in Engineering, Mathematics and other Quantitative Sciences
- **Other qualifying circumstances**
 - Re-entering the research workforce

Identify a “Best Fit” Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

What are your research training needs?

- Mentoring and Protected Time to develop R01 project
- Skillset to achieve tenure track faculty position

What are you eligible for?

NOFOs may have specific eligibility requirements:

- Citizenship
- Doctoral Degrees
- Career Level

NIH Funding Announcements By Career Stage

 An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#) ▼

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) | [National Institutes of Health](#)



Search this Site 

[eRA](#) | [Glossary](#) | [FAQs](#) | [Help](#)

NEW TO NIH

FUNDING ▼

GRANTS PROCESS ▼

POLICY & COMPLIANCE ▼

NEWS & EVENTS ▼

ABOUT US ▼

[Home](#) > [Funding](#) > [Funding Categories](#) > Research Training and Career Development

Funding

← | [Back to Funding Categories](#)

Research Training and Career Development ▼

Individual Fellowships (F)

Individual Career Development (K)

Institutional Training (T)

Institutional Career Development and Other Training

Research Training and Career Development

NIH Research Training and Career Development Programs help prepare individuals for careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research.

New Home for Research Training and Career Development Information on the NIH Grants and Funding Website

Please update any [researchtraining.nih.gov](#) bookmarks you may have to the new pages! Redirected links are in place to help you find what you need in the meantime, or access the [archive](#).

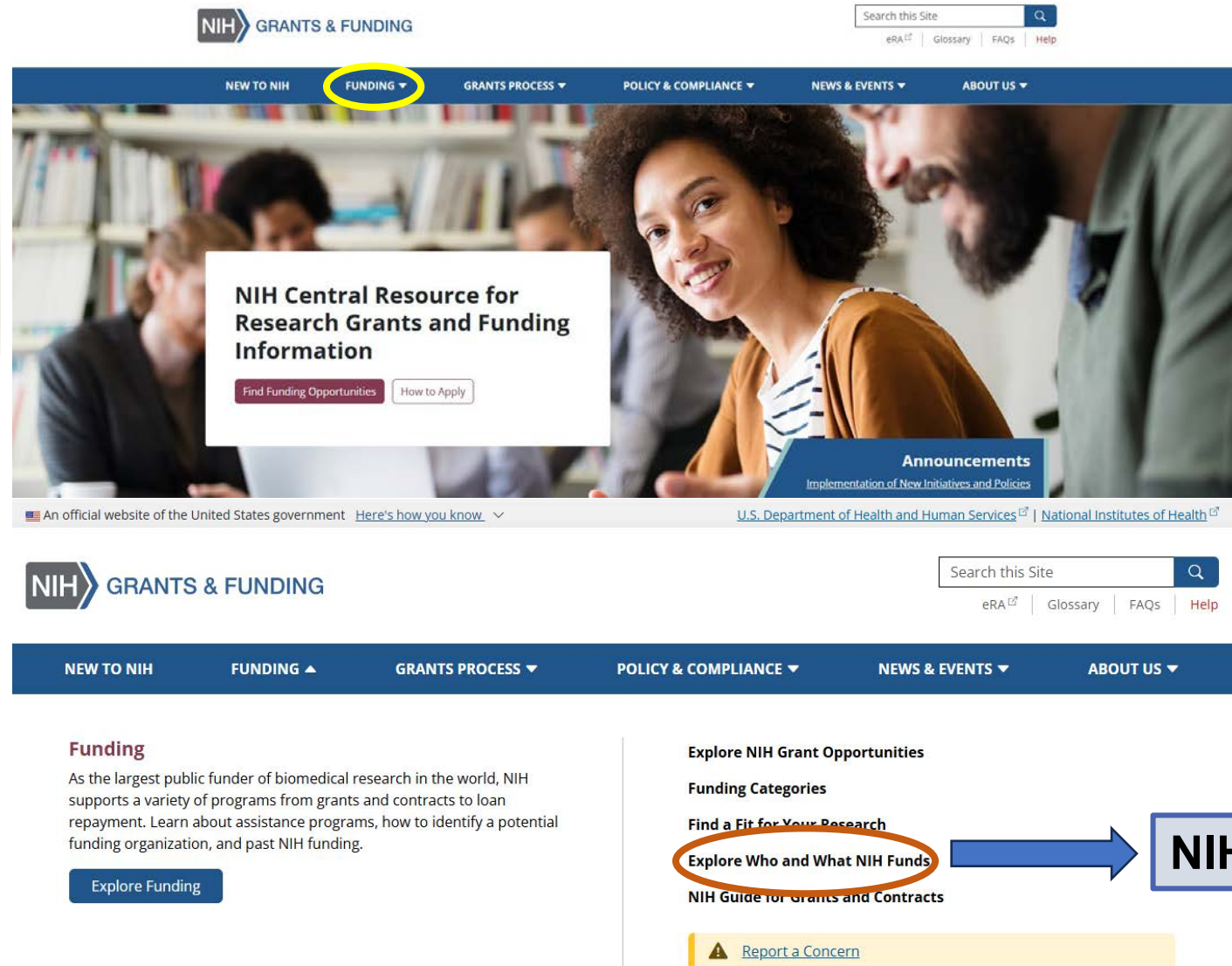
On this page:

- [Browse by Career Stage](#)
- [Browse by Program Types](#)

<https://researchtraining.nih.gov/>

How do I find Funding Opportunities

Find NOFOs on
[Grants.nih.gov](https://grants.nih.gov)
[Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)



The screenshot shows the NIH Grants & Funding website. The 'FUNDING' menu item is highlighted with a yellow circle. Below the navigation bar, there is a section titled 'NIH Central Resource for Research Grants and Funding Information' with buttons for 'Find Funding Opportunities' and 'How to Apply'. The 'FUNDING' menu is also highlighted with a yellow circle in the top navigation bar. Below the main content area, there is a section titled 'Funding' with a description of NIH's role as the largest public funder of biomedical research. To the right, there is a section titled 'Explore NIH Grant Opportunities' with a list of links: 'Funding Categories', 'Find a Fit for Your Research', 'Explore Who and What NIH Funds' (circled in orange), and 'NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts'. A blue arrow points from the circled link to a box labeled 'NIH RePORTER'. At the bottom, there is a link to 'Report a Concern'.

Funding

As the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, NIH supports a variety of programs from grants and contracts to loan repayment. Learn about assistance programs, how to identify a potential funding organization, and past NIH funding.

[Explore Funding](#)

Explore NIH Grant Opportunities

Funding Categories

Find a Fit for Your Research

Explore Who and What NIH Funds

NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts

[Report a Concern](#)

NIH RePORTER

Search Tools: NIH Research Grants

Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools (REPORT)

The screenshot shows the NIH RePORTER homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the NIH logo and 'RePORTER' text. Below this, a 'Quick Search' section features a search bar and a 'Search' button. To the right, a 'Welcome to the NIH RePORTER' message is displayed. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Active Funding by State' on the left, which includes a map of the United States, and 'Active Projects by Institute/Center' on the right, which is a bar chart showing the number of active projects for various NIH institutes. Below these, there are two search sections: 'Advanced Projects Search' and 'Publications Search'. The 'Advanced Projects Search' section includes fields for 'Fiscal Year', 'Principal Investigator (PI)', 'Organization', 'Agency/Institute/Center', and 'Project Number/Application ID'. The 'Publications Search' section includes a 'Get Started' button. A red circle highlights the 'Matchmaker' link in the 'Publications Search' section.

NIH RePORTER

Quick Search

Search RePORTER

Search

Enter just about anything in the RePORTER Quick Search box above (text, PI names, project numbers, fiscal year, agency) or launch the Advanced Search to precisely configure searches using separate search fields.

Advanced Search

Welcome to the NIH RePORTER

Each award supported by NIH promotes efforts to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and/or the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

Guided Tour

Feedback

Active Funding by State

Select a state to view projects

Active Projects by Institute/Center

Select a bar to view projects for an Institute/Center

Number of Active Projects

Advanced Projects Search

Fiscal Year

Active Projects

Current FY is 2026

Agency/Institute/Center

Admin Funding

Principal Investigator (PI)

PI Names or Profile IDs, semicolon ";" separated

Organization

Enter at least 3 characters to search

Project Number/Application ID

Format: SR01CA012345 04/ BS15397, semicolon ";" separated

Reset

Search

Looking for additional search fields? Click here to view All Search Fields

Publications Search

Find publications associated with extramural or intramural funded projects using PubMed IDs (PMID) or PubMed Central IDs (PMC ID).

Get Started

Matchmaker

Find potential Program Officials, ICs, and review panels for your research.

Get Started

Repository of NIH-funded research projects

<https://reporter.nih.gov/>

- **Matchmaker Search returns:**
 - Institutes(ICs) that fund similar research
 - Similar funded grants
 - Find the right PO to contact **prior to writing**

Matchmaker tool

RePORT

RePORTER

[FAQs](#)
[API](#)
[ExPORTER](#)
[Sign In](#)

Matchmaker Results

65 Projects

cranosynostosis

Export

Search

Projects

Program Officials

Filters

Active Projects

Fiscal Years

Agencies

Activity Codes

Program Officials

Study Sections

Institute/Center

Activity Code

Study Section

T	Act Project	Year	Sub	Principal Investigator(s)/ Project Leader(s)	Organization	Fiscal Year	Admin IC	Funding IC	FY Total Cost by IC	Similar Projects	Match	
	Whole genome sequencing analysis of nonsyndromic craniosynostosis											
5	R03DE031061-02			BOYADJIEV BOYD, SIMEON A	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS	2022	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$159,583	View	339	
	A multi-stem cell basis for Craniosynostosis											
5	K99DE031819-02			DEBNATH, SHAWON	WEILL MEDICAL COLL OF CORNELL UNIV	2023	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$135,000	View	339	
	Smad6 deficient zebrafish as a model for multifactorial craniosynostosis											
5	R21DE029916-02			FISHER, SHANNON	BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CAMPUS	2022	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$247,500	View	339	
	Regenerating cranial suture											
5	R01DE027662-05			HATCH, NAN E MA, PETER X MISHINA, YUJI	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT ANN ARBOR	2022	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$472,649	View	339	
	Mechanisms of Craniosynostosis in Bent Bone Dysplasia Syndrome											
5	F31DE032259-02			NICKLE, AUDREY	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2023	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$48,494	View		
	Quantitative characterization and predictive modeling of cranial bone development in patients with craniosynostosis											
5	R01DE032259-02			NICKLE, AUDREY	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	2023	NIDCR	NIDCR	\$48,494	View		

Get NIDCR Updates!

An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#)

NIH National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Español

Search

Health Info Research **Grants & Funding** **Careers & Training** News & Events About Us

Oral Health for All


NIDCR supports research to improve dental, oral, and craniofacial health.

[Learn more](#)

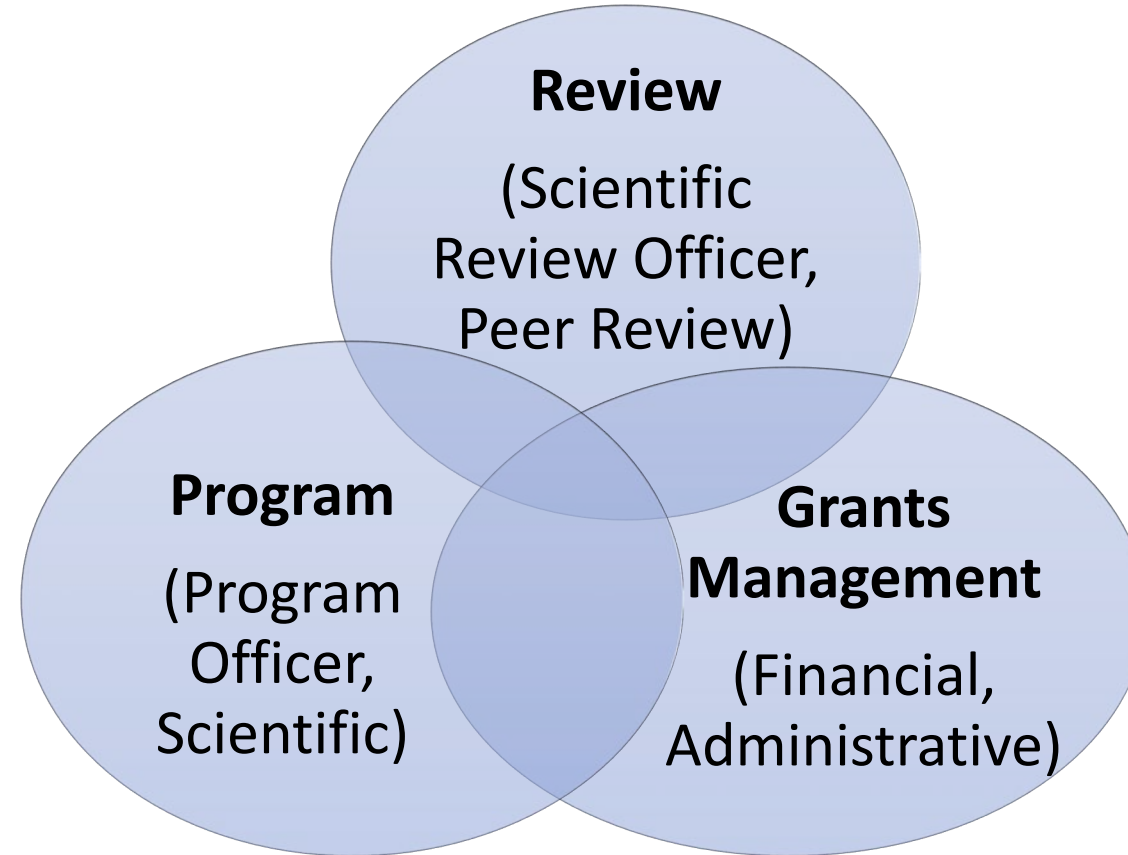
Sign up

Receive email updates about the latest advances in dental research.

[Subscribe](#)



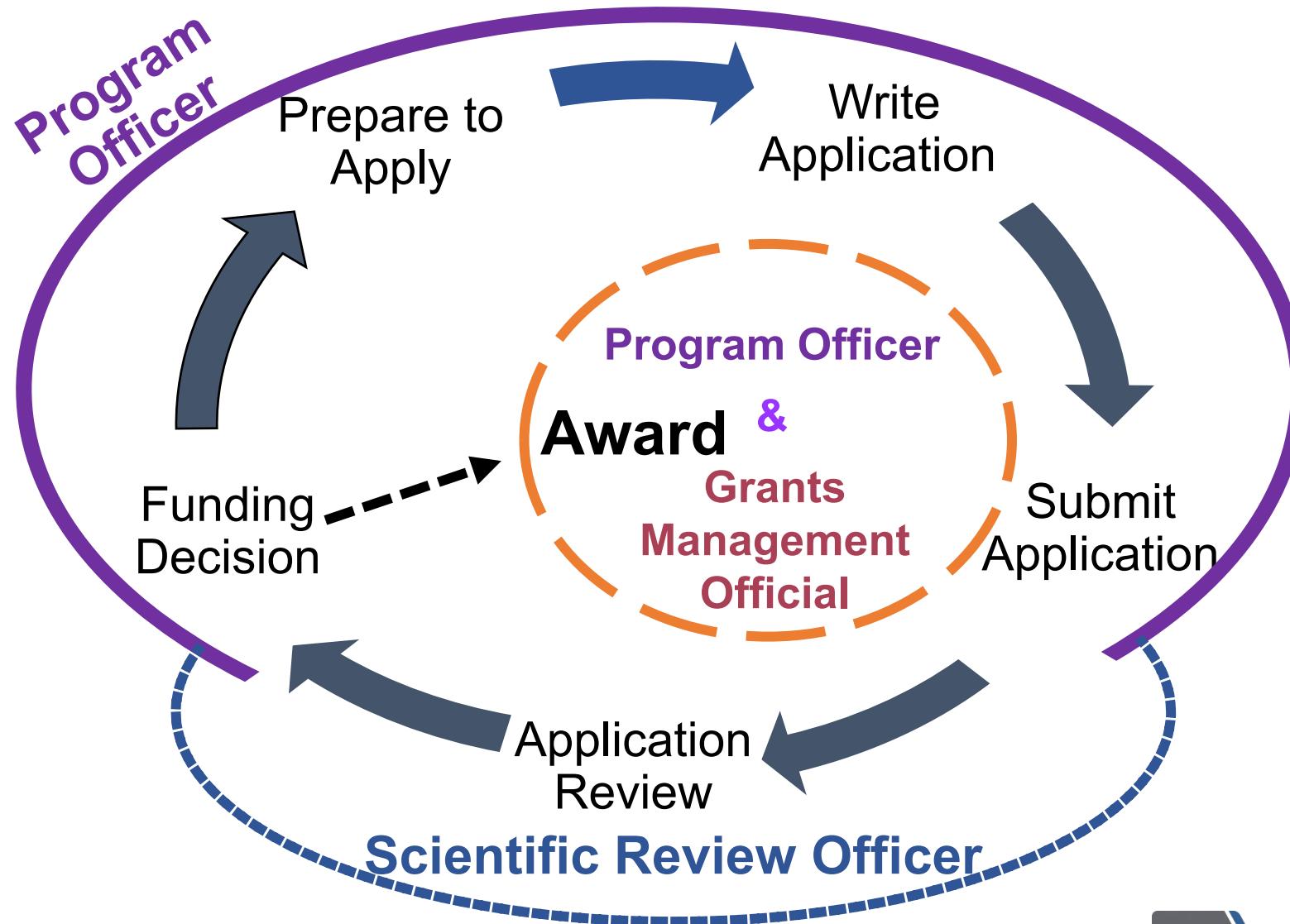
Points of Contact: NIH Grants



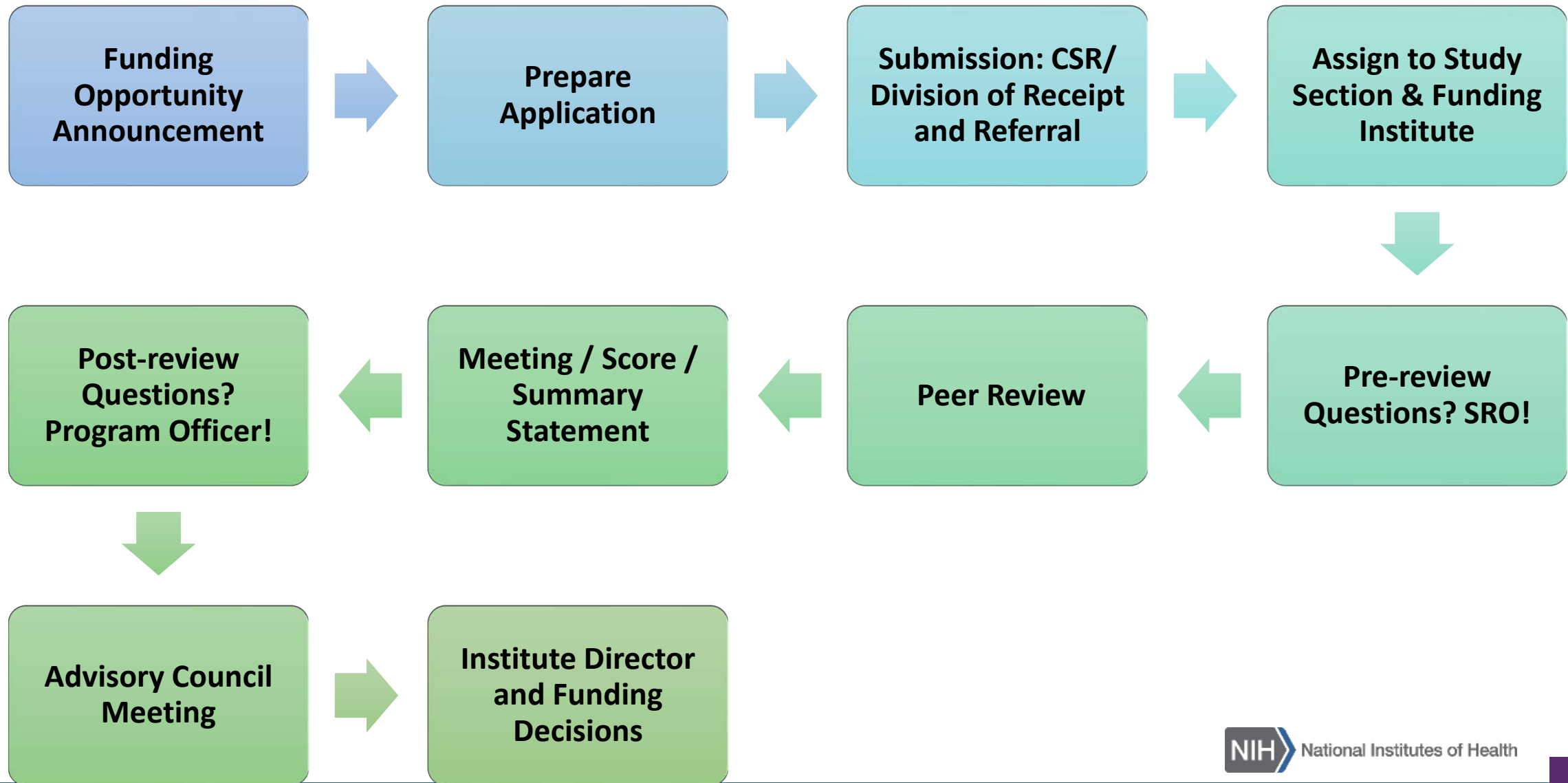
Tips for contacting Program Officers

- Recommend initial email, schedule phone call
- Include biosketch or CV and abstract or specific aims
- Individual and/or joint calls with Program Officer/Mentors

Grant Application: Who to contact & when?



Navigating the NIH Funding Process



Standard Due Dates

Application Due Dates

Activity Code	Cycle I Due Date	Cycle II Due Date	Cycle III Due Date
K series new	February 12	June 12	October 12
K series renewal, resubmission, revision	March 12	July 12	November 12

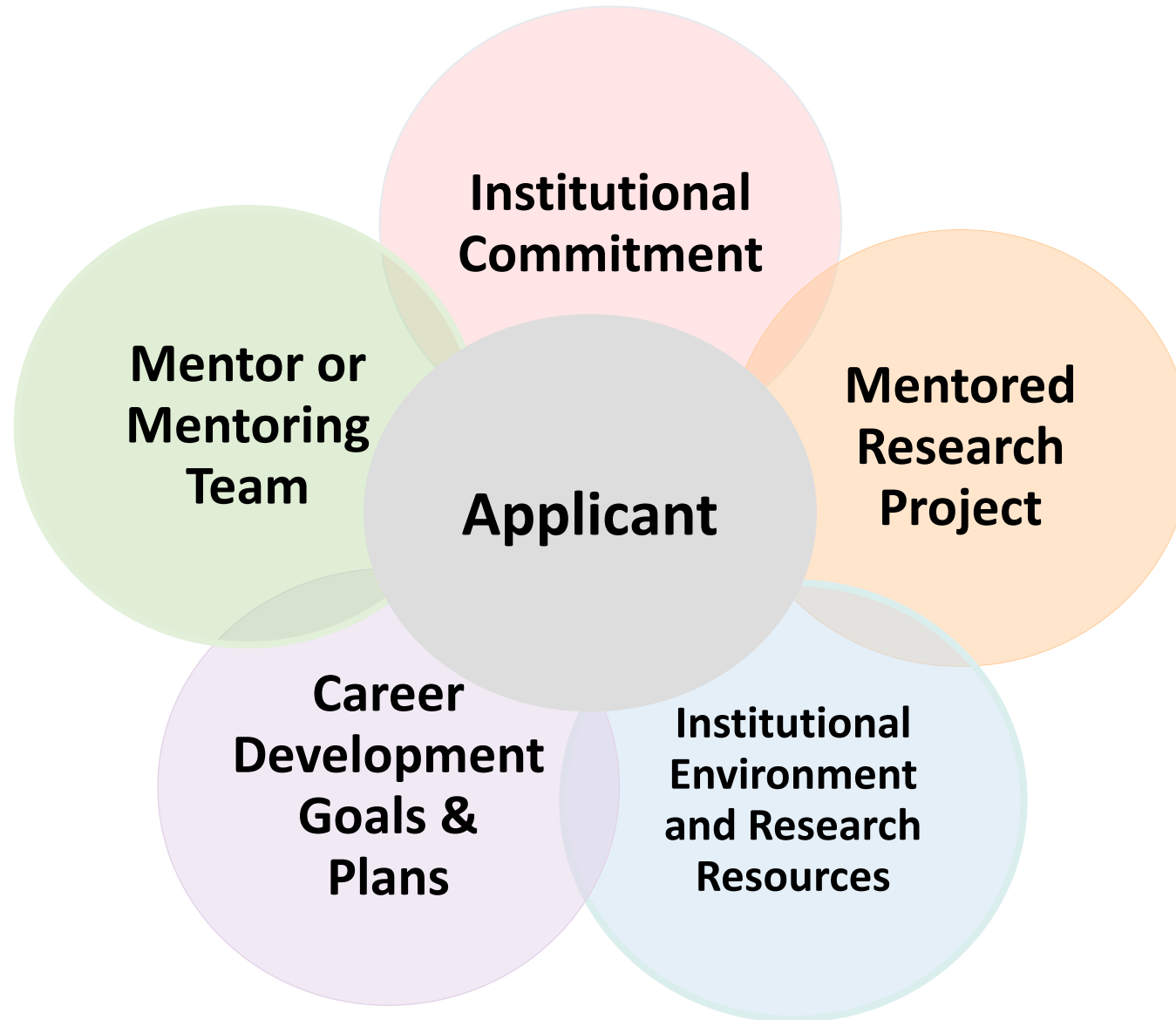
Pre-Application: Develop a Research Project

- **Identify a gap in the field**
 - Literature / NIH RePORTER database
 - Discussions with mentors and colleagues
- **Define how project relates to research training & career goals**
 - New techniques, skills, disciplines
 - Relationship of project to next career stage
- **Determine if project can be achieved during training**
 - Institutional resources
 - Mentor expertise
 - Determine time to complete project

Pre-Application: Assemble a Team

- **Primary Mentor, Co-mentor:** Oversight and support of overall research training
- **Collaborators/Consultants:** As needed: key resources, research competencies, career advice
- **Sponsoring Institution:** Mentored or faculty position, protected research effort, space and resources

Each Component of Application is Important



Elements of Mentored Ks

- Project Summary/Abstract & Project Narrative
- Biosketches (Candidate and mentors)
- Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development
- Specific Aims & Research Strategy
- Plans and Statements of Mentor and Co-mentor(s)
- Letters of Support: from Collaborators, Consultants
- Description of Institutional Environment
- Training in Responsible Conduct of Research
- Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources
- Vertebrate Animals/Human Subjects & Clinical Trials Information (if applicable)
- Resource Sharing Plan (if applicable)
- Data Management & Sharing Plan
- Reference Letters

Know the Page Limits – K Example

For Individual Career Development Award (K, excluding K12) Applications

Including K01, K02, K05, K07, K08, K18, K22, K23, K24, K25, K26, K32, K38, K43, K76, and K99/R00

If no page limit is listed in the table below, in Section IV of the NOFO under Page Limitations, or in a related notice, you can assume the attachment does not have a limit.

Section of Application	Page Limits* (Unless the funding opportunity specifies a different limit)
Project Summary/Abstract	30 lines of text
Project Narrative	Three sentences
Introduction to Resubmission or Revision Application (when applicable)	1
Candidate Information and Goals for Career Development and Research Strategy	12 (for both attachments combined)
Specific Aims	1
Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research	1

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/format-and-write/page-limits.htm>

Demonstrate Your Strengths

Biosketch

- Personal statement articulates career goals
- Up to 5 “contributions to science” (publications, abstracts)

Applicant’s background/Candidate Information

- Expand on prior training and achievements
- Describe common themes in career or explain new direction

Reference Letters

- Individuals respected/established in field
- Individuals familiar with your research or academic performance

Set Short-Term and Longer-Term Goals

Examples

Short-Term: Publish, achieve faculty position

Mid-Term: Next steps, K/R research project

Long-Term: NIH R01 funding

Build a Cohesive Research Training Plan

Goals for K Career Development Plan

- Identify training needs: research competencies, professional development
- Explain how training will be achieved
- Discuss next steps for research career
- Provide a realistic timeline, identify milestones

Mentors, Collaborators, Consultants

- Tailor biosketch to role
- Coordinate statements with applicant and other mentors
- Demonstrate expertise to provide training, mentoring experience
- Confirm availability and support of applicant
- Describe funds in place to support research and training
- Discuss metrics for and monitoring of progress (e.g., dissertation committee)

Application Requirements for Projects Involving Activities Outside of the United States or Partnerships with International Collaborators

NOT-OD-25-098

If project involves activities outside of the United States or partnerships with international collaborators

- **MUST** include a “Foreign Justification” describing special resources or characteristics of the research project (e.g., human subjects, animals, disease, equipment, and techniques), including the reasons why the facilities or other aspects of the proposed project are more appropriate than a domestic setting.
- If a co-mentor, advisor, or collaborator is located outside the US, the Foreign Justification attachment is required, and this should be used only as a last resort, if expertise cannot be found within the US.
- Applications that do not include this attachment, as required, will be withdrawn

Training and Career Development Examples

Postdoc K99

- Weekly Mentor Meeting
- Advisory Committee 2-4X/year
- Grant Writing
- Job Search Guidance
- Workshops/Short Courses
- Conferences

Junior Faculty (K)

- (Bi)Weekly Mentor Meeting
- Advisory Committee 2-4X/year
- Grant Writing
- Faculty Development
- Meetings with Co-mentors, Collaborators

Create a Strong Research Plan

- Project should:
 - Addresses a significant problem
 - Be supported by mentors' and collaborators' expertise
 - Is innovative
- Outline draft specific aims and one or more hypotheses
- Prioritize mechanistic over descriptive work
- Outline experiments, assess feasibility
- Determine if project can be completed on time
- Confirm access to resources and mentorship

Adapted from <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/draft-specific-aims>

Relationship of K Research to Mentor

Ks, K99:

- Uses mentor's resources and expertise but cannot overlap.
- Should provide basis for future independent research grant (R01)

Specific Aims for Success

- Introduce project goals, rationale, and significance
- Propose hypothesis-driven research
- Write for individuals outside the field
- Aims are achievable within project-time frame
- Aims are related, but not contingent on each other
- Aims will facilitate next steps

Develop Clear and Organized Research Strategy

- Include section headings:

Significance

Innovation

Approach

- Propose experiments in a logical sequence
- Ensure figures and figure legends are legible (do not shrink)
- Check spelling and grammar
- Seek outside input

Demonstrate Project Importance

Significance

- Use background literature or preliminary work
- Cite strategically-not the same as a review
- Opportunity to demonstrate knowledge of field (include key publications)

Innovation

- Discuss how project will result in new knowledge, novel techniques
- Include preliminary data or citations to support higher risk
- Balance innovation with feasibility

Develop Comprehensive Approach

Approach

- Match experiments to specific aims and hypotheses
- Incorporate scientific rigor into experimental design
- Include details on technically challenging or unfamiliar methodologies
- Use citations for routine approaches
- Discuss expected outcomes
- Anticipate and describe alternative strategies
- Demonstrate mentor expertise will facilitate success

Incorporate Rigor and Reproducibility into Project

- Rigor of prior research that serves as basis of project
- Strengths and weaknesses of key supporting data
- Scientific rigor of proposed research
 - May include experimental controls, plans to reduce bias, power analyses and statistical methodology
- Impact of sex and other biological variables on experimental design and outcomes
- Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources



<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/reproducibility/guidance.htm>

Demonstrate Institutional Commitment to the Candidate

- Institutional commitment provided by Dean, Department Chair
- Statements should express confidence in candidate and mentoring team
- Specific commitment of space/resources/research time
- Strongest applications commit position/resources to candidate, regardless of grant outcome

Assignment Request Form (ARF)

- Suggest study section (and institute)
- Can list areas of expertise needed to evaluate the application
- Can identify potential conflicts of interest
- This form will not be part of the assembled application - it will not be made available to reviewers.

PHS Assignment Request Form

OMB Number: 0925-0001
Expiration Date: 01/31/2026

Funding Opportunity Number:

Funding Opportunity Title:

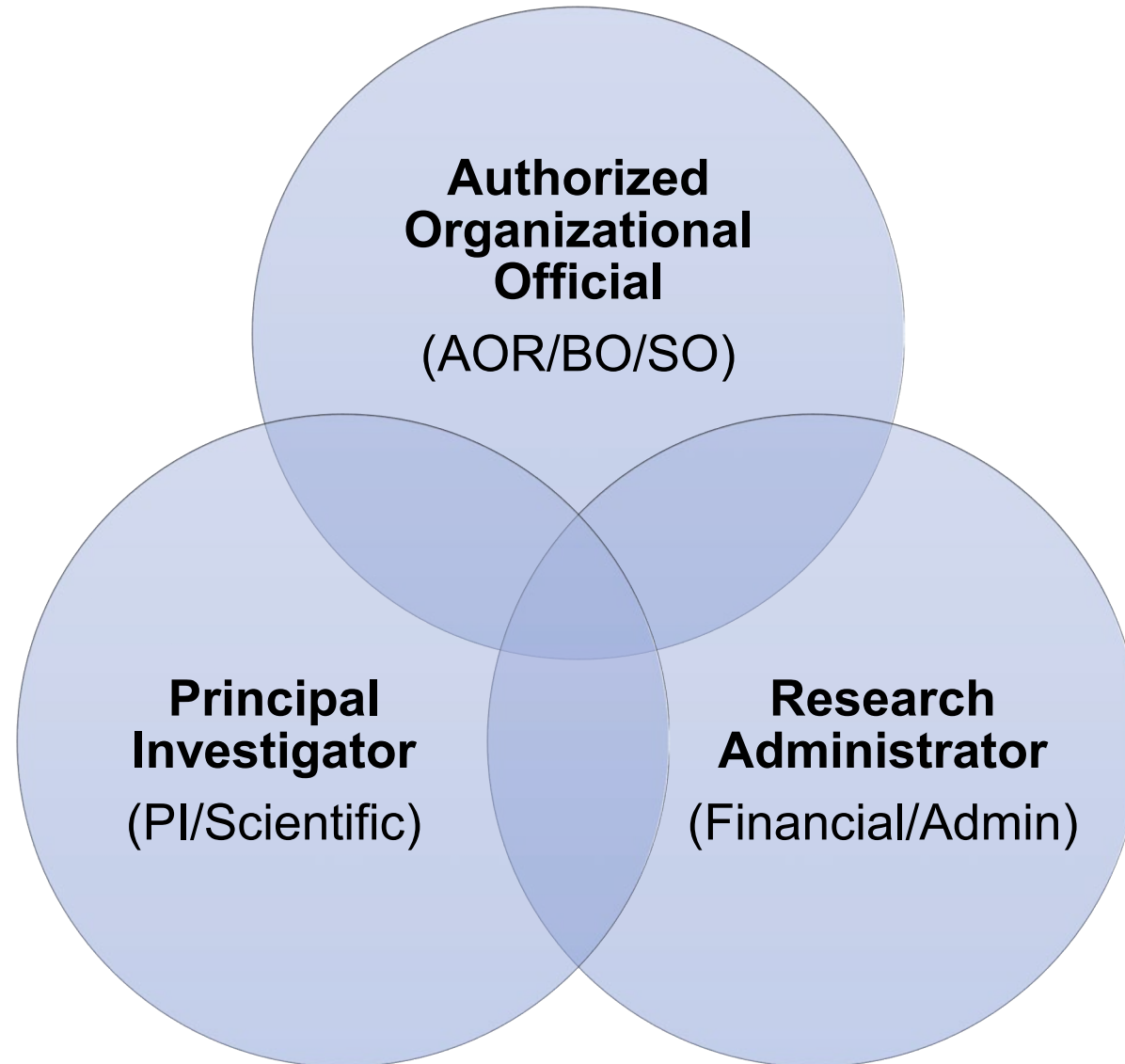
Awarding Component Assignment Suggestions *(optional)*

If you have a suggestion for an awarding component (e.g., NIH Institute/Center) assignment, use the link below to identify the appropriate short abbreviation (e.g., "NCI" for National Cancer Institute) and enter it below in the boxes for "Suggested Awarding Components". All suggestions will be considered; however, not all assignment suggestions can be honored.

Information about Awarding Component can be found here: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/phs_assignment_information.htm#AwardingComponents

Suggested Awarding Components:

Grantee Institution Points of Contact



Application Submission

- Contact business office at the beginning of the application planning process
- An institution's internal deadlines may be earlier than NIH submission deadlines
- Applications must be submitted by the sponsoring institution through grants.gov by 5 p.m. local time on due date
- Track submission in Grants.gov AND eRA Commons
- View assembled application via eRA Commons (“eSubmission Error” or “Pending Verification”)

Common Submission Issues

- **Not knowing which Institutes/Centers participate in a NOFO**
 - Participating ICs are listed in the NOFO. **CSR cannot assign your application to an IC that does not participate.** This is the #1 reason applications are withdrawn.
- **Submitting late**
 - Be aware of grant deadlines for your application type
 - Late applications may be accepted, only with good reason. Familiarize yourself with the policy (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/submission-policies.htm>)
- **Not following instructions in the NOFO**
 - **Read** the instructions – all the instructions! (****Must**, should, required...)
 - Don't overstuff the application

Post-submission Materials Accepted up to 30 Days Prior to Review Meeting NOT-OD-19-083

- Acceptable materials: due to unforeseen events, NOT to correct errors discovered after submission
 - News of an article accepted for publication
 - New funding for the Sponsor/Mentor
 - Change in Mentor(s) or other Senior/Key Persons
- Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) concurrence required
- Email to SRO at least 30 calendar days before the meeting

Review Criteria for K Applications

Factor into Overall Impact Score	Scored Review Criteria Scored individually and considered in overall impact score	Candidate
		Career Development Plan
		Research Plan
		Mentor(s), Co-Mentor (s), Collaborator(s)
		Environment & Institutional Commitment
	Additional Review Criteria Not scored individually, but considered in overall impact score	Protections for Human Subjects
		Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Individuals Across the Lifespan
		Vertebrate Animals
		Biohazards
		Resubmission
	Additional Review Considerations Not scored individually and not considered in overall impact score	Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (required)
		Select Agent Research
		Resource Sharing Plans
		Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources
		Budget and Period of Support

NIH Centralizes Peer Review

NIH recently announced plans to centralize peer review of all applications for grants, cooperative agreements and research and development contracts within the agency's Center for Scientific Review (CSR).

The proposed approach is expected to save more than \$65 million annually by eliminating duplicative efforts across the agency, making the review process more efficient.

“At NIH, we are working to optimize our resources to support the best science,” said Acting NIH Director Dr. Matthew Memoli. “By centralizing the peer review process, we will not only reduce costs—we will also improve the quality, consistency and integrity of review, and maximize competition of similar science across the agency.”



PHOTO: ASIAN ISOLATED/SHUTTERSTOCK

NOT-OD-25-135

Application Scores Available via eRA Commons

- Score released to personal eRA Commons account no later than 3 days after review
- PI can only view their own score
- Discussed applications receive numerical scores
- Applications indicated as “Not Discussed” are not eligible for funding
- All applications receive summary statements with preliminary criterion scores



What Is in the Summary Statement?

All applications:

- Critiques from assigned reviewers
- Preliminary criterion scores
- Roster

Discussed applications:

- Resume and Summary of Discussion
- Summary of review criteria and considerations
 - Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, etc.
 - Budget recommendation

Resubmission Applications (A1)

- Letters of Reference not linked between original and resubmission applications
 - Use original or new referees, but all must submit letters through system for A1
- Introduction to Resubmission Application:
- Discuss changes or respectfully clarify
- Address as many concerns from prior summary statement as possible
- Reviewers use prior summary statement to evaluate resubmission.
- Entire resubmission application will be evaluated

Recent CSR Updates

Reviews of FY26 applications are being rescheduled [NOT-OD-26-005](#). Check your eRA account for updates.

Due to the compressed review schedule, [CSR is modifying its review practices through the May 2026 Advisory Council](#).

- The percent of applications discussed in most meetings will be reduced to 30-35%, instead of the current ~50%.
- Applications voted by the committee to be in the **middle third will be designated as “competitive but not discussed”** and applications in the lowest third will be designated as “not competitive and not discussed”. **Applications in the middle third will be considered for funding, along with the discussed applications.**
- Summary statements will be simplified. Narrative paragraphs summarizing committee discussion will not be used. Instead, summaries will have a sentence describing the degree of consensus in the committee vote, plus bullets listing the main score driving points. Summaries for all applications will contain the written critiques from the 3 assigned reviewers, as is currently the case. Summaries for applications that are discussed will have the overall impact score.

Updated Guidance on Reopening of NIH Extramural Activities Following the October 1, 2025 - Lapse in Appropriations

NOT-OD-26-012

- All grant applications submitted late for due dates between October 1, 2025, and December 5, 2025, will be **accepted through 5:00 PM local time December 8, 2025**. There is no additional 2-week late window.
- For applications for **January 2026 Council**, NIH will accept post-submission materials, as described in [NOT-OD-19-083](#), **up to one week before the scheduled peer review meeting**.
- For all applications for May 2026 Council, NIH will accept a one-page update with preliminary data as post-submission materials for applications submitted under all activity codes, **ONLY** if the NOFO used for submission allowed preliminary data in the application. The deadline for submitting all post-submission materials, including preliminary data, will be 30 days before the study section meeting.
- NIH will automatically adjust the Early- Stage Investigator (ESI) status for applicants whose status has changed during the period of delay caused by the shutdown.
- Information updating timelines for the K99/R00 NIH Pathway to Independence Award program will be issued separately.

Research Security Training Requirements for NIH, NOT-OD-26-017

Senior/Key Personnel must certify that they have completed Research Security Training (RST) within 12 months of the date of application submission

- For applications with due dates on/after 5/25/2026
- Certification will be part of the Biosketch

NOT-OD-26-018 Changes to Biosketch and Support Disclosure Forms

NIH will be switching to the Common Forms for Biosketches and Current/Pending (other) Support for:

- Applications with due dates on/after 1/25/2026
- RPPRs submitted on/after 1/25/2026
- JIT requests on/after 1/25/2026

NIH will require Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program certifications from applicants and individuals identified as senior/key personnel:

- Individuals who are a current party to a [Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program](#) are not eligible to serve as a senior/key person on an NIH grant or cooperative agreement
- Certification will be part of the Biosketch

Tips to Remember and Takeaways

- Review IC priorities and goals
- Learn the NIH application & review process & study successful grant applications
- Understand the mechanism you're applying for. Always **read and study the entire Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – purpose, guide notices, review criteria, etc., and follow all instructions
- **Program Officers and Scientific Review Officers are a resource to applicants**
Contact PO **early** in the process - send bio-sketch and specific aims page, helpful to determine **eligibility** of proposal to NIDCR's research mission and priorities. Reach out **after summary statement** is released to discuss next steps. Contact SRO for compliance questions
- Utilize your University AOR / Business Official in the Office of Sponsored Programs

There are lots of opportunities – don't self eliminate, go for it!

(and resubmit if needed AND allowed)

NIDCR Dental Public Health Research Fellowship Applications Now Open – Apply by Dec 31

[NIDCR Dental Public Health Research Fellowship](#)

Questions?

Contact us at:

NIDCRtraining@nidcr.nih.gov

shoba.thirumangalathu@nih.gov



**National Institute of Dental
and Craniofacial Research**