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NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Grants - (R15)

Introduction

AREA grants support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students in health professional schools, and other academic components that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds

- [Academic Research Enhancement Award \(R15\) - NIH Guide Program Announcement \(Funding Opportunity Announcement\)](#)

The three goals of the AREA program are:

- to support meritorious research,
- to strengthen the research environment of the institution, and
- to expose students to research.

Students will benefit from participating in meritorious research and will be encouraged to continue studies in the biomedical sciences. The AREA or R15 grant is a research award and not a training award, so the focus is not on course work but on hands-on meritorious research.

Eligibility

Currently, NIH considers the following to be health professional schools/colleges: School/College of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Podiatry, Nutrition, Dentistry, Osteopathy, Pharmacy, Public Health, Optometry, Nursing, Chiropractic Medicine, and Allied Health. All other NIH funding is considered "Other Academic."

The list of ineligible schools/colleges/components is provided below and is updated annually. Eligibility is determined at the time of application and is based on receipt of \$6 million or less in research grants in 4 out of the last 7 fiscal years. If your institution is not listed here, you are eligible to apply.

- [Schools/Components Ineligible to Apply for AREA Grants in FY 2010 and 2011 \(eligibility up to \\$6 million\) \(05/02/2011\) - \(Excel - 66 KB\) - \(CSV - 28 KB\)](#) - This list applies to applications submitted to the NIH between May 4, 2011 and April 2012.

Area Grant Information

- [AREA FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
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- [AREA contacts](#) - Persons to contact regarding AREA funding opportunities and questions about IC research interests.
- [AREA Grant Research Objectives](#)
- [Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research](#) - Principal Investigators holding an active Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15) Grant also may apply for a supplement under this program. Grantees must check with the appropriate awarding component before an application for a supplement is submitted.

Part I Overview Information

Department of Health and Human Services

Participating Organizations

National Institutes of Health (<http://www.nih.gov>)

Components of Participating Organizations

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

(<http://www.nichd.nih.gov>)

National Cancer Institute (NCI), (<http://www.nci.nih.gov/>)

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), (<http://www.nccam.nih.gov/>)

National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), (<http://www.ncr.nih.gov/>)

National Eye Institute (NEI), (<http://www.nei.nih.gov/>)

National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), (<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/>)

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), (<http://www.genome.gov/>)

National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), (<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/>)

National Institute on Aging (NIA), (<http://www.nia.nih.gov/>)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), (<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), (<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/default.htm>)

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), (<http://www.niams.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), (<http://www.nibib1.nih.gov/>)

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), (<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/>)

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), (<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), (<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), (<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), (<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), (<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), (<http://www.ninds.nih.gov/>)

National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), (<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/>)

National Library of Medicine (NLM), (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>)

Title: Academic Research Enhancement Award (Parent R15)

Announcement Type

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is a reissue of [PA-06-042](#).

Update: The following update relating to this announcement has been issued:

- [August 16, 2010](#) - IMPORTANT NOTE! NIH has eliminated the error correction window for due dates of January 25, 2011 and beyond. As of January 25, all corrections must be complete by the due date for an application to be considered on-time. See [NOT-OD-10-123](#).
- [September 29, 2010](#) (NOT-OD-11-007) - NIH to Require Use of Updated Electronic Application Forms in 2011. Adobe B1 forms are required for due dates on or after May 8, 2011.

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-10-070

NOTICE: Applications submitted in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Federal assistance must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) using the SF424 Research and Related (R&R) forms and the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.