

Title: NIH ACADEMIC RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARD (AREA) GRANTS (R15)

Application Deadlines: February 25, June 25, October 25 annually; Aids-related: May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

Expiration Date: January 3, 2009

Scope of Support: Up to \$150,000 (direct & indirect).

Length of Support: Up to three years.

Eligible applicants: All health professional schools/colleges and other academic components of domestic institutions offering baccalaureate or advanced Degrees in the sciences related to health are eligible, **except** those that have received research grants and/or cooperative agreements from the NIH totaling more than \$3 million per year in each of four or more of the last seven years. Note that this criterion of financial eligibility is based on the amount of NIH research grant monies received, not by the institution (university or college) as a whole, but by the individual school/college or aggregation of "other academic components" where the principal investigator has an appointment.

Agency/ Department: National Institutes of Health: NCI, NCCAM, NEI, NHLBI, NHGRI, NIAAA, NIAID, NIAMS, NIBIB, NICHD, NIAMS, NIDCD, NIDCR, NIDDK, NIDA, NIEHS, NIGMS, NIMH, NINDS, NIDR, NLM, NCR.

Summary: AREA funds are intended to support new and continuing (renewal or competing continuation) health-related research projects proposed by faculty members of eligible schools and components of domestic institutions. The AREA will enable qualified scientists to receive support for small-scale research projects. These grants are intended to create a research opportunity for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs to support the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. It is anticipated that investigators supported under the AREA program will benefit from the opportunity to conduct independent research; that the grantee institution will benefit from a research environment strengthened through AREA grants and furthered by participation in the diverse extramural programs of the NIH; and that students will benefit from exposure to and participation in research and be encouraged to pursue graduate studies in the health sciences.

For purposes of eligibility for the AREA program, the following definitions apply:

- "Health professional schools" (schools or colleges of medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, pharmacy, nursing, veterinary medicine, public health, optometry, allied health, chiropractic, naturopathy and podiatry) means an accredited public or non-profit private school that provides training leading to a degree granted by that school (e.g., M.D., D.D.S., M.P.T., D.C., N.D. or equivalent degree). The term "accredited" means a school or program that is accredited by a recognized body or bodies approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education.
- "Research grants and cooperative agreements" includes all extramural awards designated by an activity code starting with R, P, M, S, K, or U, and also G12 and D42. Scientific evaluation awards (R09, U09) are excluded.
- "Other academic components" means all schools, departments, colleges, and free-standing institutes of the institution EXCEPT the health professional schools, taken as a SINGLE component.
- An applicant school/component may submit several applications proposing different research projects from different investigators.

Detailed Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm>