

Title: NIH EXPLORATORY/DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH GRANT AWARD (R21)

Application Deadlines:

- *Investigator Initiated:* February 1, June 1, October 1 annually; May 1, September 1, and January 2 annually (AIDS and AIDS-related grant application receipt dates); February 1, June 1, October 1 annually (revised-applications).
- *Response to RFP/RFA:* Varies by request.

Scope of Support: A combined budget for direct costs for the two year project period may not exceed \$275,000. Normally, no more than \$200,000 may be requested in any single year.

Length of Support: Up to two years

Eligible applicants: For-profit or non-profit organizations, public or private institutions (universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories), units of State and local governments, eligible agencies of the Federal government, domestic or foreign, and faith-based or community-based organizations.

Agency/ Department: National Institutes of Health: See specific Institute guidelines for investigator-initiated invitations; NCCAM; NCRR; NEI; NIA; NIAAA; NIAID; NIAMS; NIBIB; NICHD; NIDA; NIDCD; NIDCR; NIEHS; NIMH; NINDS; NLM.

Summary: R21s can be investigator initiated or can be in response to a program announcement (PA) or request for proposal/application (RFP/RFA). The R21 award mechanism is intended to encourage new, exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early stages of their development. Applications for the R21 awards should describe projects distinct from those supported through the traditional R01 mechanism. Applications should be exploratory and novel. These studies should break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions or applications.

Exploratory/developmental grant support is for new projects only. Competing continuation applications will not be accepted. Only two revisions of a previously reviewed exploratory/developmental grant application may be submitted.

Detailed Information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-107.html>