**Grant Title:** EXPLORATORY/DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM (PARENT R21)

**Grant Number:** PA-06-181

**Area of Research:** New exploratory and developmental research projects.

**Release and Expiration:** March 2, 2006 release; May 2, 2009 expiration.

**Application Deadlines:** *R21-New:* February 16, June 16, October 16 annually; *Resubmissions:* March 16, July 16, November 16 annually; *AIDS Related:* May 1, September 1, January 2 annually.

**Amount:** *R21:* Direct costs are limited to $275,000 over an R21 two-year period, with no more than $200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

**Length of Support:** *R21:* Up to 2 years.

**Eligible applicants:** For profit organizations; Non-profit organizations; Public or private institutions, such as universities, colleges, hospitals and laboratories; Units of State government; Units of local government; Eligible institutions of the Federal government; Domestic institutions; Foreign institutions; Faith-based or community-based organizations; Units of State Tribal government; and Units of Local Tribal government.

**Agency/Department:** NIH; NCRR, NEI, NILBI, NHGRI, NLM, NIA, NIAAA, NIAID, NIAMS, NIBIB, NICHD, NIDCD, NIDA, NIDCR, NIEHS, NIMH, NINDS

**Summary:** This funding opportunity supports exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these projects. These studies may involve considerable risk but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area, or to the development of novel techniques, agents, methodologies, models, or applications that could have a major impact on a field of biomedical, behavioral, or clinical research. The evolution and vitality of the biomedical sciences require a constant infusion of new ideas, techniques, and points of view. These may differ substantially from current thinking or practice and may not yet be supported by substantial preliminary data. By using the R21 mechanism, the NIH seeks to foster the introduction of novel scientific ideas, model systems, tools, agents, targets, and technologies that have the potential to substantially advance biomedical research.