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\$\$ Economic Recovery Act \$\$

««« New Funding Opportunities »»»



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contains at least **\$110 billion** in health spending, which heralds many positive developments for the scientific community. In this newsletter you will find information on new grant opportunities and how to apply!

NIH Recovery Act Updates / New RFA's

Administrative Supplements (NOT-OD-09-056) National Institutes of Health Application Receipt Date: Open

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-056.html>

Using funds provided by the ARRA, the NIH is offering the opportunity for investigators with active NIH Research Grants to request administrative supplements for the purpose of accelerating the tempo of scientific research on active grants. Support may be requested for up to 2 years for qualified grants. To be eligible, the parent grant must be active and the research/scientific activities proposed in the supplement must be accomplished within the current competitive segment. Funds will be obligated by September 30, 2010 to support requests submitted. For additional information and submission guidelines, please visit the link provided above.

TIP:\$ on Administrative Supplements

- ✓ Supplement time period cannot extend past active time period of parent grant.
- ✓ Supplement instructions are institute-specific.
- ✓ Submit the usual internal paperwork. The GCO/OCTA review process is the same as any competitive grant.
- ✓ First no-cost extensions can only be requested as early as three months and up to 10 days prior to the end of the budget period. WCMC can approve a first extension.
- ✓ Second No-Cost Extensions are handled the same way but require NIH approval.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Be sure to read the application guidelines CAREFULLY. There are unique administrative and scientific requirements.
- Grant applications are due to the Grants and Contracts Office 7 business days prior to an agency deadline. Final versions of applications, ready for submission, are due 2 business days prior to agency deadline.

What documents do I submit?

- Routing form
- Financial disclosures for ALL key personnel
- Funding opportunity # (RFA or PA)
- Internal Detailed Budget
- Adobe SF424 Application Package
- Any additional documents as per routing form (e.g. IBC Certificate of Registration)

What is the best way to submit documents to Grants and Contracts?

Email or use the file transfer service to send the documents to grants-gov@med.cornell.edu. We do not require original signatures on documents.

REMINDER: THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR GRANT WILL BE SUBMITTED ON TIME IF IT IS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS OFFICE BY OUR INTERNAL DEADLINE.



Revision Applications (NOT-OD-09-058) National Institutes of Health Application Receipt Date: April 21, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-058.html>

The NIH invites investigators with active NIH-supported research grants to submit revision applications to support a significant expansion of the scope or research protocol of funded projects. Examples include, but are not limited to: hiring students, postdocs or other personnel to accomplish new scientific objectives; making investments in technology essential to expand the goals of the project; or modifying a multiple PD/PI team to add and pursue new scientific goals. Revision applications may only be requested for up to two years. Funding decisions and awards will be issued on or prior to September 30, 2009. For additional information and submission guidelines, please visit the link provided above.

TIP:\$ on Revisions

- ✓ Please remember to use the parent program Adobe Package.
- ✓ Programs that have not transitioned to electronic submission will be submitted via paper.
- ✓ Revision period cannot exceed two years.
- ✓ Revisions must expand scope of work of the parent grant.
- ✓ There is no maximum dollar limit, but budget must be reasonable.
- ✓ Prior approval from Institute/Center for over \$500,000 in total costs requests is not necessary.
- ✓ Submit the usual internal paperwork. The GCO/OCTA review process will be the same.
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- ✓ Second No-Cost Extensions are handled the same way but require NIH approval.

Current newsletter available electronically at:
http://weill.cornell.edu/research/gra_con

646-962-8290
rasp@med.cornell.edu

Grants.gov

Training Classes

We encourage anyone preparing a Grants.gov application to attend a hands-on class in the Samuel J. Wood library computer room at 1300 York Avenue. Contact Kimberly Lyles at 646-962-8290 or kil2004@med.cornell.edu to make your reservation.

Stay tuned for the possibility of additional classes.

2009 Recovery Act: Accelerated JIT Request

- Submission of JIT must be provided within **3 days** of funding notification.
- Since ARRA funds are only awarded for **2 years**, you will need to determine if project goals can be accomplished within this time frame, and if so, provide the following: Revised Abstract, Revised Specific Aims, and Revised Detailed Budget.
- NIH requires a detailed budget for all ARRA grants. **It may not** be submitted via the COMMONS – please use either the SF424 Budget Component or the PHS 398 (pgs 4-5).

National Science Foundation (NSF) Recovery Act Notice

The NSF was awarded \$3 billion under the ARRA. Due to the volume of highly rated proposals that went unfunded, NSF plans to use the majority of the \$2 billion available in Research and Related Activities for proposals that are already in house. NSF will also consider proposals declined on or after October 1, 2008. Grants will be awarded prior to September 30, 2009 and will be standard grants with durations of up to 5 years. For more information please visit www.nsf.gov/recovery

Want to Make Your Application More Competitive?

NIH Challenge Grants are geared towards research that will help support our economy. Below are examples of the kind of language that should be customized and inserted into applications in order to illustrate the economic advantages of your research.

Please use the link below if you would like to access our template.

http://weill.cornell.edu/research/gra_con/pdf/Economic_Justification_Template.doc

- "...Funds would also cover administrative and overhead expenses such as facility maintenance and basic utilities at WCMC..."
- "...It is crucial in this time of economic uncertainty to create and preserve the jobs of experienced and skilled employees who are essential to the conduct of high-impact research. The proposed project would enable us to **hire 8 new WCMC employees** and support the **retention of 15 research personnel**..."
- "...An estimated **\$3,000 will be spent** on goods and services, helping vendors/contractors to pay their employees, rent space, buy the products they sell, and cover basic utilities..."



NIH Challenge Grants (RC1) - Frequently Asked Questions



If a New Investigator or Early Stage Investigator is awarded an NIH Challenge Grant, will he or she retain status as New or Early Stage Investigator?

- *No. New Investigators and Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) are invited to apply, however, because the awards made under this program are competing NIH research grants of substantial size, recipients will not be considered New Investigators or ESIs when they apply for NIH research grants in the future. More information can be found at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm.*

Are foreign scientists working at domestic institutions eligible to be Principal Investigators, Key Personnel, and/or other personnel supported by an NIH Challenge Grant?

- *Yes, foreign nationals working in the US are eligible to work and be compensated with ARRA provided they are employed by a domestic institution and are in the country under valid visas. Awardee institutions are required to comply with US State Department requirements as a general condition of the award.*

Does the 2-page limit and 10-publication limit on Biographical Sketches apply to a) all three sections of the Biographical Sketch; and b) all Key Personnel or just the Principal Investigator?

- *Yes, the 2-page limit includes all three sections of the Biographical Sketch (A: Positions and Honors, B: Selected peer-reviewed publications or manuscripts in the press, and C: Research Support), and the number of publications cited in the PD/PI's biosketch is limited to ten or fewer items. PD/PIs should cite their most relevant publications and those that highlight the significance of past accomplishments. These limits apply to biosketches for all key personnel as well.*

Does the Challenge Grant budget limit of \$500K per year include indirect costs?

- *Yes. Challenge Grants are limited to \$500K in total (direct and indirect, including consortium/contractual) costs per year for no more than two years.*

(Link to full FAQ from NIH - http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/faqs_challenge.html)