

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Program Project/Center Grants (P series)

Program project/center grants are large, multi-project efforts that generally include a diverse array of research activities. NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) issue funding opportunity announcements to indicate their interest in funding this type of program. Centers differ in how they use activity codes. Carefully review funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) to determine which ICs will participate and to review eligibility criteria.

Award	Description of Award
P01	<p>Research Program Project Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support integrated, broadly based, multi-project research projects involving a number of independent investigators who share knowledge and common resources. ○ Each project contributes or is directly related to the common theme of the total research effort, thus forming a system of research activities and projects directed toward a well-defined research program goal. ○ Directed toward a range of problems having a central research focus, in contrast to the usually narrower thrust of the traditional research project. ○ Usually under leadership of an established investigator. ○ Specific dollar limit unless specified in FOA. ○ May provide support for certain basic resources, including clinical components, the sharing of which facilitates the total research effort. ○ Scientifically meritorious projects should demonstrate an essential element of unity and interdependence, i.e., a system of research activities and projects directed toward a well-defined research program goal.
P20	<p>Exploratory Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support planning for new programs, expansion or modification of existing resources, and feasibility studies to explore various approaches to development of interdisciplinary programs that offer potential solutions to problems of special significance to the NIH mission. ○ May lead to specialized or comprehensive centers. ○ Often used to support planning activities associated with large multi-project program project grants.

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P30	<p>Center Core Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support shared resources and facilities for categorical research by a number of investigators from different disciplines who provide a multidisciplinary approach to a joint research effort or from the same discipline who focus on a common research problem. ○ Integrated with Center's component projects or program projects, though funded independently from them. ○ Support, by providing more accessible resources, is expected to assure a greater productivity than from the separate projects and program projects.
P50	<p>Specialized Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support any part of the full range of research and development – from very basic to clinical. ○ May involve ancillary supportive activities such as protracted patient care necessary for primary research or research and development effort. ○ Spectrum of activities comprises a multidisciplinary attack on a specific disease entity or biomedical problem area. ○ Usually developed in response to an announcement about an Institute or Division's programmatic need and receives continuous attention from its staff. ○ Centers may serve as regional or national resources for special research purposes.