

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Grants (R series)

Award	Description of Award
R01	NIH Research Project Grant Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Supports a discrete, specified, circumscribed project to be performed by the named investigator(s) in areas representing his or her specific interests and competencies. The proposed project must be related to the programmatic interests of one or more of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) based on descriptions of their programs.○ Investigator-initiated or in response to a program announcement or request for application.○ Original and most common grant mechanism used by the NIH to support health-related research and development.○ Generally awarded for 3-5 years.○ Applications are not limited in dollars but must reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Modular applications are most prevalent with modules of \$25,000, up to the modular limit of \$250,000. U.S. applicants requesting more than \$250,000 in annual direct costs and all foreign applicants must complete and submit detailed budget requests using the Research & Related Budget component found in the application package.
R03	NIH Small Grant Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support small research projects (e.g., pilot or feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, development of research methodology, development of new research technology) that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.○ Provide flexibility for initiating studies which are generally for preliminary short-term projects.○ Investigator-initiated applications are accepted.○ Limited to 2 years of funding.○ Direct costs generally up to \$50,000/year.○ May not be renewed.○ Preliminary data are not required but may be included if available.
R15	NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by students and faculty in health professional schools and other academic components that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds.○ Goals: 1) support meritorious research, 2) expose students to research, and 3) strengthen the research environment of the institution.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Both Institutional and Principal Investigator eligibility criteria apply. ○ Project period limited to up to 3 years. ○ Direct costs limited to \$300,000 over entire project period.
R21	<p>NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage new, exploratory, and developmental research projects by providing support for the early stages of project development. Sometimes used for pilot and feasibility studies. ○ Limited to up to 2 years of funding. ○ Combined budget for direct costs for the 2 year project period usually may not exceed \$275,000. ○ No preliminary data are generally required.
R34	<p>NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support initial development of a clinical trial or research project, including establishment of the research team; the development of tools for data management and oversight of the research; the development of a trial or experimental research design; finalization of the protocol; and other essential elements of the study or project, such as recruitment strategies, procedure manuals, and collection of feasibility data. ○ Designed to permit early peer review of the rationale for the proposed clinical trial and support development of essential elements of a clinical trial. ○ Project period usually 1 year and sometimes up to 3 years. ○ Direct costs usually \$100,000 and sometimes up to \$450,000.
R56	<p>NIH High Priority, Short-Term Project Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fund, for 1-2 years, high-priority new or competing renewal R01 applications with priority scores or percentiles that fall just outside the funding limits of participating ICs. ○ Program administrators may identify creative and innovative approaches within the pool of applications that fall just beyond the established payline. Such applications will be considered for conversion to an R56 award. ○ Investigators may not apply for R56 grants. ○ R56 awardees are encouraged to submit a revision of their original competing application at the earliest convenient date to be considered for future funding.
U01	<p>Research Project Cooperative Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support a discrete, specified, circumscribed project to be performed by the named investigator(s) in an area representing his or her specific interests and competencies. ○ Used when substantial programmatic involvement is anticipated between the awarding IC.

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