Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding Related to COVID-19
Patient Care and Researcher Safety is the First Priority

- The NIH is deeply concerned for the health and safety of people involved in NIH research, and about the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the biomedical enterprise.

- NIH is providing many administrative flexibilities to help the research continue.
Stay Up to Date

- This is a rapidly evolving situation
- Information provided in this presentation is current as of April 7, 2020

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
Information for Applicants and Recipients

Visit our page and check back often for updates!
NIH is Open for Business

• Extramural staff are working remotely
• We continue to process applications and make awards
• We are conducting peer review meetings virtually
• We are working diligently to provide funding opportunities to support COVID-19 research
Donating Research Supplies

To meet emergency needs, recipients may donate PPE and other research supplies purchased with NIH grant funds to support COVID-19 efforts (e.g., to hospitals and local healthcare facilities).

Recipients may:

• re-budget grant funds to repurchase supplies at a later date
• use large unobligated balances
• submit administrative supplement requests
  • Note: NIH can only provide additional funds to support supplies that are directly charged to the project(s).

Reach out to your NIH program officer and grants management staff with specific questions.

FAQs: grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm
Application Deadlines

• NIH will accept late applications through May 1 for deadlines between March 9 and May 1.

• No justification for the late submission is needed

• FOAs expiring within this time period will be extended

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-091
Salaries & Stipends

• If unable to work on grant or training activities, salaries and stipends may be charged to NIH grants.
  • Ensure that your organization’s policy allows such charges from federal and non-federal funds
• Prior approval is not required to divert faculty from research to clinical work related to COVID-19 until the end of the public health emergency period.

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-086
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Guidance on Human Research Affected by COVID-19

Ensure the safety of all human participants and research staff involved in clinical trials and human subject studies

Consult with IRBs and institutions about protective measures, such as:

- Limiting study visits to those needed for participant safety or coincident with clinical care
- Conducting virtual study visits
- Implementing flexibilities for required laboratory tests or imaging needed for safety monitoring

NIH will be flexible regarding project extensions and accommodating unanticipated costs

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-087
FAQs: grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm
Administrative Flexibilities

• OMB has authorized agencies to utilize administrative flexibilities to recipients conducting COVID-19 research and recipients affected by COVID-19

• Flexibilities granted through OMB Memos:
  • M-20-11: For Recipients Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and
  • M-20-17: For Recipients Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations

• NIH is allowing:
  • Pre-award costs to be incurred
  • Extensions of post-award reporting
  • Prior approval requirement waivers
  • Numerous flexibilities regarding expenditures of funds

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Accommodations for Loss of Research Time

• Extensions for early stage investigator eligibility due to COVID-19-related disruptions will be considered
• NIH will be flexible with extending time constraints for fellowship, career development, and training awards, including phased awards

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Advice for Applicants & Recipients

• For general questions regarding COVID-19 flexibilities, contact NIH’s Office of Extramural Research at grantspolicy@nih.gov
• For questions specific to your NIH award, contact the grants management or program staff at the funding institute or center

FAQs frequently updated. Check back often!