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

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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](https://not.od.nih.gov/NOT-OD-20-086)
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

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-086
FAQs: grants.nih.gov/faqs/#/covid-19.htm
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!