National Institute of Health – NIH & AHRQ Announce Updates to Application Instructions and Review Criteria for Research Grant Applications (NOT-OD-18-228: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-228.html).

Access the new version of the Application Guide at https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html.

Summary of Significant Updates:

- **PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials**, clarified instructions on who must complete certain attachments in Section 2 – Study Population Characteristics. Section 2.4 Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children, includes the updated inclusion policy that goes into effect for applications due on or after January 25, 2019. See the NIH Policy and Guidelines on the Inclusion of Individuals Across the Lifespan as Participants in research Involving Human Subjects for more information (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-116.html).
- **Research Strategy,** Under Heading "Significance," the term "rigor of the prior research" has replaced the term "scientific premise."
- **Research Strategy,** Under Heading "Approach," instructions to describe plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research have been added.

Form	Section	Heading	Current language	Revised language
Research Plan	Research Strategy	Significance	Describe the scientific premise for the proposed project, including consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of published research or preliminary data crucial to the support of your application.	Describe the strengths and weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research (both published and unpublished) that serves as the key support for the proposed project.
Research Plan	Research Strategy	Approach	Not Applicable	Describe plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of the prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project.
Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information	Section 2 – Study Population Characteristics	2.4 Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Children	2. Inclusion of Children [References to the Inclusion of Children in Clinical Research policy]	2. Inclusion Across the Lifespan [References to Inclusion of Children replaced with Inclusion Across the Lifespan]

Parent Announcements (for unsolicited or Investigator Initiated):

- For a list of announcements, https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm. NIH has issued a

separate parent announcement for including or not including clinical trials as well as for basic experimental studies with humans required.

Activity Code(s)	Title	Announcement Number	Issuing Organization	Release Date	Opening Date (SF424 Only)	Expiration Date
R01	NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)	PA-19-091	NIH	11/28/2018	01/05/2019	01/08/2022
R01	Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Required)	PA-19-055	NIH	11/05/2018	01/05/2019	01/08/2022
R01	Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	PA-19-056	NIH	11/05/2018	01/05/2019	01/08/2022
R03	NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	PA-19-052	NIH	11/05/2018	01/16/2019	01/08/2022
R13	NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (Parent R13 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	PA-18-648	NIH	02/09/2018	03/12/2018	01/08/2021
R21	NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)	PA-19-092	NIH	11/28/2018	01/16/2019	01/08/2022
R21	NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	PA-19-053	NIH	11/05/2018	01/16/2019	01/08/2022
R21	NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Required)	PA-19-054	NIH	11/05/2018	01/16/2019	01/08/2022

Additional Resources

- Notice of Fiscal Policies in Effect for FY 2019 (NOT-OD-19-031)