Seeking NIH Funding: Deconstructing the Alphabet Soup

First Mondays – Navigating the Research Enterprise
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A stroll through the NIH website...

Learn the NIH website inside out!!!! – NIH.gov

Your time to ask ANY question about NIH – Stump the Experts!

Training and Career Development Awards

T and F Fellowships, K Career Development Awards

Research Funding Awards

R03 – 2 years, typically $50k/yr max, no renewal

R21 – 2 years, $275K max, $200k max/yr, no renewal

R01 – 3-5 years, no max, up to $250k/yr modular budget, can be more but must use detailed budget

R15 – Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) – for institutions without much NIH funding - $300,000 max

K99/R00 unique blend of training and research
Newest Funding Types

NHLBI Outstanding Investigator Award (OIA) (R35)  
RFA-HL-16-024  – (modeled after NIGMS experiment)

NHLBI Emerging Investigator Award (EIA) (R35)  
RFA-HL-16-025

The NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)  (RFA-CA-16-005)
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Other award types – U (Cooperative Agreement), P (Program Project/Center grants), etc.

Increasing number of pan-NIH and Common Fund award types

Critical to know eligibility requirements – e.g. usually faculty level appointment for R award as PI

Decoding award numbers…

1 R01 GM056778-01
5 R01 GM056778-02S1

1 = new, 2 = competing renewal, 3 = competing revision, 4 = no-cost extension, 5 = non-competing continuation

Heads Up! – New Biographical Sketch Format Required for NIH and AHRQ Grant Applications Submitted for Due Dates on or After January 25, 2015 (NOT-OD-15-024)
Key Topics and Links

NIH Institutes and Centers – they have unique missions and traits
Intramural vs. Extramural
Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)
  Requests for Applications – RFA’s
  Program Announcements – PA’s
  Notices
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

Research Training Options
http://grants.nih.gov/training/index.htm

Already funded grants – NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools (RePORT)
http://www.report.nih.gov/
Who at NIH can help you and when/how do you contact them?

Program Official
Works at the funding institute, manages the grant portfolio, source of information before and after review

Scientific Review Official (formerly Executive Secretary)
May work at Center for Scientific Review (CSR) or an Institute funding the initiative
Can talk to re: fit of a proposal to a review group
Once review is done they can’t tell you anything

Fiscal Officer – only if grant is funded
Identifying the right Institute and Initial Review Group (IRG)

Center for Scientific Review (CSR) groups
Institute-specific Review Groups
Will cover in depth next month during NIH Peer Review discussion
For anyone who can’t wait, here is a link to a place to explore…. 
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer_review_process.htm
Early Stage Investigators

New Investigators
“In general, a Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is considered a New Investigator if he/she has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a significant NIH independent research award” – excludes R03, R21 and other small, non-renewable awards

Early Stage Investigator
New or First-Time Investigator within 10 years of completing terminal research degree or medical residency

Intent to fund New/Early Stage Investigators at same rates as established investigators submitting NEW applications

Applications from New Investigators will be clustered during review
Strongly encourage New Investigators to apply for R01 first-time funding
For the WHOLE story see: