

NINDS GRANTS INFORMATION FOR NON- U.S. SCIENTISTS AND U.S. SCIENTISTS AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

General Eligibility Guidelines

I. Research Grants

All applications to NIH must be submitted in response to Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) which describe an IC's intent to award grants and/or cooperative agreements in certain programmatic areas. All NIH FOAs are published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts

(<https://grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm>)

and on Grants.gov

([https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html)

[grants.html](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html)). Links to published FOAs may also be posted on individual IC home pages.

Section III.1.A of each FOA describes the type of institutions/organizations that are eligible to apply and Section III.1.B provides information on the type of individuals that are eligible to apply. In addition, the NIH Grants Policy Statement describes general eligibility requirements for foreign organizations. See: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section 16/16 grants to foreign institutions international organizations and domestic grants with foreign components.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section%2016/16%20grants%20to%20foreign%20institutions%20international%20organizations%20and%20domestic%20grants%20with%20foreign%20components.htm)

FOAs provide contact information for the IC's scientific/research contact(s) (usually a program officer) who can answer questions about the scientific and/or technical aspects of the announcement; financial/grants management contact(s) who can answer questions about the administrative and budget aspects of the announcement; and peer review contact(s) who can answer questions about the peer review aspects of the announcement. Applicants are encouraged to contact these individuals to discuss their applications.

See Planning Your Application - Grants Process Overview for more information:

(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/planning_application.htm)

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Domestic Grants with a Foreign Component

Some NIH grant mechanisms (e.g., R01) may support projects awarded to a domestic institution with a foreign component. For purposes of this policy, a "foreign component" is defined as performance of any significant element or segment of the project outside the U.S. either by the grantee or by a researcher employed by a foreign institution, whether or not grant funds are expended. Activities that would meet this definition include:

- The involvement of human subjects/or animals.
- Extensive foreign travel by grantee project staff for the purpose of data collection, surveying, sampling, and similar activities.
- Any activity of the grantee that may have an impact on U.S. foreign policy through involvement in the affairs or environment of a foreign country.

Foreign travel for consultation is not considered a "foreign component."

Examples of grant-related activities that may be considered a foreign component are:

- collaborations with investigators at a foreign site anticipated to result in co-authorship;
- use of facilities or instrumentation at a foreign site; or
- receipt of financial support or resources from a foreign entity

For complete information on NIH awards to foreign institutions and grants involving foreign components, see the NIH Grants Policy Statement at: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_1/1.2_definition_of_terms.htm

II. Career Awards

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents at U.S. Institutions may apply for:

- Career Development Awards - K01, K02, K08, K22, K23, K24, K25

Foreign Nationals at U.S. Institutions may apply for:

- NIH Pathway to Independence Award - K99/R00: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-20-188.html>
- Both K99 and R00 phases must be conducted at a U.S. institution.

III. Fellowships

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents at U.S. or Foreign Institutions may apply for:

- National Research Service Awards for Predoctoral, Postdoctoral, and Senior Fellows - F31, F32, F33

U.S. Institutions may apply for:

- Conference Grant and Cooperative Agreement Conference Grant - R13/U13

- NIH National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant - T32

NINDS Office of Training, Career Development and Workforce Diversity: <https://www.ninds.nih.gov/about-ninds/strategic-plans-evaluations/strategic-plans/ninds-strategic-plan-and-priorities/training-and-workforce-diversity>

Application Review Criteria

Applications from foreign institutions or international organizations will be evaluated and scored during the initial review process using the standard review criteria. In addition, the following will be assessed as part of the review process and award decision:

- Whether the project presents special opportunities for furthering research programs through the use of unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries that are not readily available in the United States or that augment existing U.S. resources.
- Whether the proposed project has specific relevance to the mission and objectives of the IC and has the potential for significantly advancing the health sciences in the United States.

Note: These criteria are not applied to applications from domestic institutions with foreign components.

Research grant applications from foreign institutions must be discussed and recommended for funding by the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council (NANDS Council) and are ineligible for expedited review.

For Information on NINDS Funding Mechanisms, see:

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/grant_mechanisms.htm

For More Information on OGHHD, see:

<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/about-funding/global-health-research/office-global-health-and-health-disparities>