



The NINDS Research Program Award (R35)

Overview

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NINDS Research Program Award (R35)

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What is the R35?

The R35 is a unique program for NINDS that:

- Helps investigators make meaningful contributions to neuroscience by providing greater **funding stability, flexibility**, and **support** for overall research projects, without the constraint of specific aims.
- Supports most of your NINDS mission-relevant research by providing stable funding for up to **eight years**
- Your budget will be **commensurate with your 4-year NINDS funding average. The R35 RPA** has a minimum of \$350,000, and up to a maximum of \$750,000 DC per year
 - There is an administrative checkpoint after year 5, to determine continuation for years six (6) through eight (8)
 - At the year five (5) checkpoint there is an opportunity to request a budget increase, details are outlined in the FOA.

Eligibility Criteria

Do you currently...

- Conduct research within the mission of NINDS?
- Have at least **one** of the following types of active NINDS grants within each of the past 5 consecutive years (FY18-22) at the time of application submission: R00, R01, RF1, R37, R56, DP1, DP2. Active R35 in year 7 or 8.
- Once of those years can be in NCE
- Applications with more than one NCE will be considered under exceptional circumstances

**More details on this
@1pm EST**

Who Should Apply?

- NINDS is committed to supporting investigators across a **broad spectrum of career stages** and **lab sizes**.
- NINDS places significant value on high-quality **mentorship** and **inclusive training environments**
- As scientific progress is best accelerated by leveraging a variety of experiences and perspectives, we encourage **eligible women and individuals from diverse backgrounds to apply**.
- Based on the requirements of the R35, investigators should determine if this research program is the best fit for their research goals

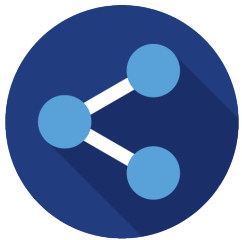
Requires a Minimum 50% effort for the duration of the award

1 Non-Modular R01= \$350K for 8 years.

2 Non-Modular R01s =~\$520K for 8 years

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- The requested Research Program Award (RPA) budget must be commensurate with your recent level of NINDS support (the R35 cap is \$750,000) direct costs per year
- You calculate your level of support by using your average direct costs for the 4 most recent fiscal years (i.e., 2018 – 2021 or 2019 – 2022, whichever is greater).
- If your 4-year average is less than \$350,000
 - One R01 \$218,000 for 5 years: award will be \$350,000
 - Read the [FOA](#) for eligibility and budget details

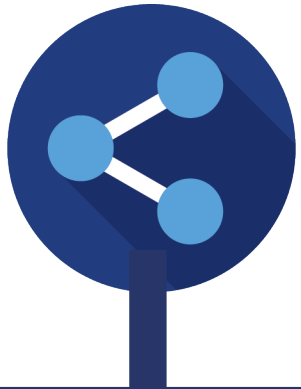


Visit the R35 [FAQs](#) to find a budget **template** and **more details** for calculating your R35 budget.
See our [how-to video](#) to check your eligibility and funding on [NIH REPORTER](#)

Benefits of the R35

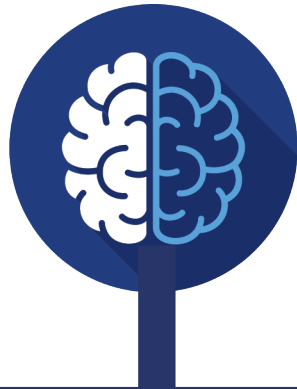
Funding

Provides **stable funding** of \$350k min. to \$750k max. per year for up to **eight years**



High Reward Research

Allows you to conduct **long-term, rewarding research** that is not tied to specific aims



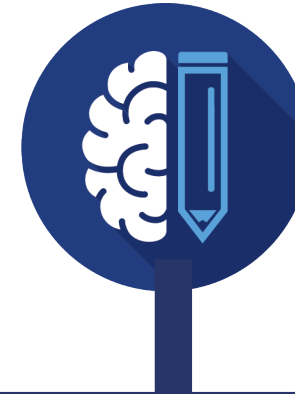
Without Specific Aims

Provides you the **flexibility to pivot** as needed to emerging and timely topics



Freeing Up Time

Supports your research by **freeing up time** you would otherwise spend applying to multiple grants





Review



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R35 Review

R35 Review – Not Like Standard R01 NIH Peer Review

- Review of R35s is not like reviews of an R01
- In R01 reviews, the ‘Approach’ criteria is often score driving, for R35 the weight is overwhelmingly on the track record of the PI and potential future impact of the ongoing research - taken together.

R35 Review

From Section V. of the FOA:

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-22-038.html#_Section_V_Application

“Accordingly, reviewers will emphasize the following:

- **Evidence of contributions made by the PD/PI commensurate with the investigator's career stage**, particularly within the past 5 years that advance his or her respective field
- **Potential for the PD/PI's research impact to continue at the same level over the course of the RPA**
- **Suitability of the R35 mechanism**, with its unique flexibility and facilitation of longitudinal continuity **to advance the investigator's research program”**

R35 Review

The RFA states... (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-22-038.html>)

“Describe the overall vision, conceptual framework and planned strategies for advancing and sustaining the proposed research program for the next eight years.”

but

“A detailed experimental plan is not expected, nor is preliminary data required.”

Only Six Page Research Plans!

Reviewers are guided to NOT to expect R01-level detail

**“Is the research program leading toward major impact(s)
for the field?”**

R35 Review

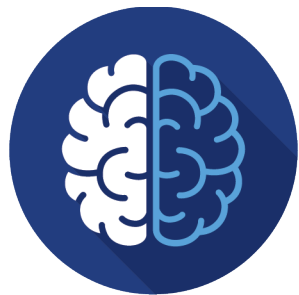
Important information you must provide for the review of your R35 application:

Follow the RFA Section IV Other Project Information

- Bibliography from the past 5 years
- Mentoring Service and Inclusion (3-page max)
- *If* BESH or Mechanistic Clinical Trial:
Clinical trial synopsis (6 pages maximum)

NIH SF424- Instructions for “Other Attachments” See p R-45

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-g/research-forms-g.pdf>



Next Steps

Interested in Applying?

Next Steps

1

Review the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and talk with your program director to see if this award is right for you.

2

Visit the NINDS R35 FAQs to learn more and determine the budget you would be eligible to apply for.

3

Review your current research portfolio and begin your application if this is the right fit for you.



**Submit your application on [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
by July 13, 2022!**

Helpful Resources

- NINDS R35 Information: bit.ly/NINDS_R35
- NINDS R35 FAQs: bit.ly/R35_FAQ
- NINDS R35 Funding Opportunity Announcement: bit.ly/R35_FOA
- NINDS R35 Recipient List: bit.ly/R35_Recipients



Any Questions?



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Useful Links:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-22-038.html>

<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/about-funding/ninds-research-program-award-r35>



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R35: Eligibility and Budget Overview

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R35 Eligibility

NINDS R00, R01, RF1, R37, R56, DP1, DP2 grant with funds allocated in FY18, FY19, FY20, FY21 & FY22

Current R35 awardees can apply for a new R35 in years 7-8 of their active RPA

If have NCE(s), briefly justify

Cannot be 5 years MPI only awards

Funds allocated from Congressionally mandated set-asides e.g. BRAIN, AD/ADRD, HEAL, CounterACT, don't count towards R35 budget, but can be held in parallel with R35

R35 Eligibility

Not Eligible- only MPI awards

Year	NS Award	PI
2018	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2019	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2020	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2021	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2022	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C

R35 Eligibility

Eligible

Year	NS Award	PI
2018	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2019	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2020	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2021	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2022	Single PI R01	Dr. ML

R35 Eligibility

Not Eligible –due to R21		
Year	NS Award	PI
2018	R21	Dr. LM
2019	R01	Dr. LM
2020	R01	Dr. LM
2021	R01	Dr. LM
2022	R01	Dr. LM

R35 Eligibility

Eligible, need to
justify 2 NCEs. NCE
counts as \$0
towards budget

Year	NS Award	PI
2018	R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2019	R01	Dr. LM
2020	R01 in NCE	Dr. LM
2021	R01 in NCE*	Dr. LM
2022	R01	Dr. LM

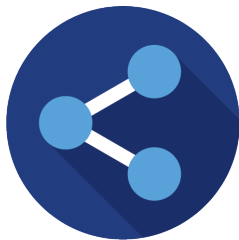
R35 Eligibility

Eligible. BRAIN R01 does not count towards R35 budget, but can be held in parallel

Year	NS Award	PI
2018	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2019	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2020	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2021	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2022	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- The requested R35 budget must be commensurate with your recent level of NINDS support.
- You can calculate your level of support by using your average direct cost total for the 4 consecutive years out of the five most recent fiscal years (i.e., 2018 – 2021 or 2019 – 2022, whichever is greater) of NINDS eligible awards.



Visit bit.ly/R35_FAQ to find a **template** and **more details** for calculating your RPA budget.

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- MPI awards or multi-component grants/cooperative agreements, should only include the amount of the award that is attributable to the applicant PI.
 - MPI: Use the allocation from the grant
 - P01: use the RPG, exclude the cores and administrative
- Use the budget table and submit that with your budget justification. We REVIEW IT

How do you calculate your R35 budget? P01

Year	NS Award	PI	Award	Sum of award each FY	FY19-2022 avg
2018	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
2019	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2020	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2021	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$750,000	
2021	P01	Dr. LM; Dr.C; Dr. J; Dr. Z	\$0		
	Cores	Dr. LM	\$0		
	Admin		\$0		
	RPG 1	Dr. LM	\$250,000		
	RPG 2	Dr. LM	\$250,000		
2022	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$750,000	
2022	P01	Dr. LM; Dr.C; Dr. J; Dr. Z	\$0		
	Cores	Dr. LM	\$0		
	Admin		\$0		
	RPG 1	Dr. LM	\$250,000		
	RPG 2	Dr. LM	\$250,000		

How do you calculate your R35 budget? NCE

- NCE counts towards eligibility, but counts as \$0 towards your budget

How do you calculate your R35 budget? NCE

Year	NS Award	PI	Award	Sum of award each FY	FY19-2022 avg
2018	R01 in NCE	Dr. LM	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2019	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2020	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2021	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$550,000	
	2nd R01		\$300,000		
2022	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$550,000	
	2nd R01		\$300,000		

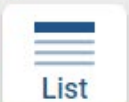

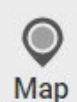
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Human Cerebellar Function in Multiple Task Domains				

<https://reporter.nih.gov/search/Ejw1KSVSZUOzkqZYUI1SMw/projects>

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