



Update on DERT Activities:

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DERT Staffing Updates





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Staff Departures

Retirement



- Program Officer in the Exposure, Response, and Technology Branch
- Joined DERT from DIR in 2006
- Managed several portfolios including DNA repair and carcinogenesis, Biomarker discovery and validation, NAMs, and SBIR/STTR

Daniel Shaughnessy, PhD



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New Staff



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LT Jonathan Burg, PhD

Health Specialist, Worker Training Branch



- Officer in the Public Health Service Ready Reserve Corps where he has served as a Safety Officer, including as Executive Officer for the Maui Wildfires Medical Mission.
- PhD in Chemistry from Duke University
- Joined NIEHS from the Office of the Secretary
- 10 years experience in the small business community

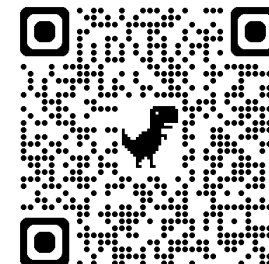


Grants and Policy Updates



Reminder, NIH Policy updates are available

- <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/notice-of-policy-changes>



Notices of NIH Policy Changes

Policy notices published in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts supersede information in the NIH Grants Policy Statement. Compliance with these policy updates become a term and condition of award. NIH incorporates these notices into the annual update of the NIH Grants Policy Statement. Below is a listing of selected policy notices.

[Subscribe](#) to receive notices each week.

Search the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#) for comprehensive listings of Notices, Program Announcements (PAs) and Requests for Applications (RFAs).

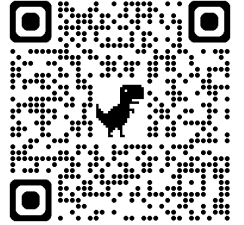
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Release Date	Title	Notice Number
August 14, 2025	NIH Will Stop Posting Notices of Funding Opportunities in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts in FY2026	NOT-OD-25-143
August 7, 2025	Update: No-Cost Extension Functionality in eRA	NOT-OD-25-142
July 30, 2025	Reminder: Unauthorized Use of Credentials is Prohibited	NOT-OD-25-139
July 24, 2025	NIH Intramural Research Program Access Planning Policy Implementation Guidance	NOT-OD-25-137
July 24, 2025	NIH Intramural Research Program Access Planning Policy	NOT-OD-25-136
July 24, 2025	Notice to Applicants of Adjustments to Achieve Consistency in Peer Review Contacts and Processes	NOT-OD-25-135
July 18, 2025	Updated Implementation Guidance of NIH Policy on Foreign Subawards for Active	NOT-OD-25-130

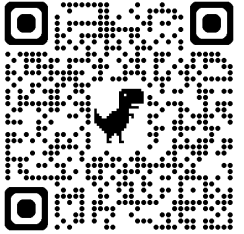
Foreign Subawards – NOT-OD-25-130



- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-130.html>
- NIH remains committed to foreign collaboration!
- Appropriate financial, policy, and scientific oversight is needed
- No change to the process we have in place
 - Public announcement and codification of current practice
 - Foreign Subawards **involving human subjects research** may be funded as a ‘type 3’
 - **All other foreign subawards** need to be removed.
 - If project is not viable without the foreign sub it needs to be terminated
- Applications to receipt dates on/after Sept 25, 2025 with foreign subawards will not be reviewed
 - New system will be in place, stay tuned for announcement
- Grants will no longer be SNAP and annual FFRs (including type 3s) will be required
 - Carryover requires prior approval (parent and type 3)

As a reminder: Foreign components without foreign subawards are allowed

AI and Application cap – NOT-OD-25-132



- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-132.html>
- NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants.
 - May report to ORI and enforcement actions
- NIH will only accept six new, renewal, resubmission, or revision applications from an individual Principal Investigator/Program Director or Multiple Principal Investigator for all council rounds in a calendar year.
 - Does not include T and R13, R25
 - 65 NIEHS applicants in either 2024 or 2025 (most of those both years)
- Effective September 25, 2025 receipt date and January 2026 Council round
- FAQ available <https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/use-of-generative-ai-in-peer-review.htm?anchor=4344>

Other Support Disclosure Training – NOT-OD-25-133



- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-133.html>
- Requires recipients to provide training for Senior/Key Personnel on reporting Other Support in JIT
- NSF/NIH/DOE developed training is linked, <https://www.nsf.gov/research-security/training>

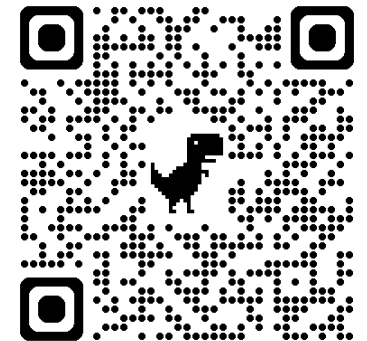
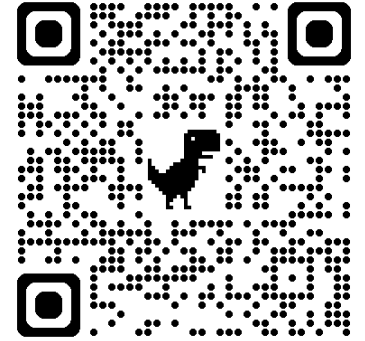
No Cost Extension through Commons – NOT-OD-142



- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-142.html>
- Recipients may resume initiating first no-cost extensions in eRA Commons, in accordance with the NIH Grants Policy Statement, [Section 8.1.1.3](#)
- If Project period has not ended - requests that were previously submitted via the prior approval module will not be reviewed, grant recipients should be able to self execute NCE through Commons
- If Project Period HAS ended – reach out to Grants Management Specialist the last week of September or beginning of October to discuss

NOFOs now only on grants.gov

- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-143.html>
- NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts will no longer post NOFOs
- All NOFOs will be posted on grants.gov and will be searchable there
- Grants.nih.gov/funding will still post and provide search functionality



New Resource: Highlighted Topics

<https://grants.nih.gov/funding/find-a-fit-for-your-research/highlighted-topics>

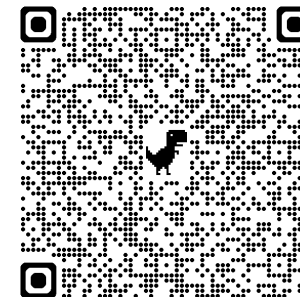
Highlighted Topics Resource

- Informs the research community about NIH areas of scientific interest.
- Encourages investigator-initiated applications in those topic areas.
- May include new or emerging areas.
- Will expire after 1 year. NIH may extend.
- Help reduce NIH's use of funding opportunities by highlighting a topic instead (as appropriate).

Benefits for Research Community

- Reduce the effort to search and apply for funding opportunities.
- Apply through one of the [NIH Parent Announcements](#) or other broad NIH opportunities at Grants.gov.
- Search topics by keyword and filter by participating NIH Institutes, Centers, or Offices.
- Check back often for new topics and webpage features.

Learn more in the [August 2025 NIH Extramural Nexus article](#).



Prioritizing Human Based Research (see also [this NIH Extramural Nexus article](#))

- NIH [Announced](#) it will no longer develop new funding opportunities focused exclusively on animal models of human disease.
- New funding opportunities involving animal models will be designed more broadly with language that also encourages various approaches be considered.
- Researchers may propose any model they deem appropriate – including a combination of approaches – to answer a research question.
- Goal: accelerate progress, encourage innovation, and ultimately improve the quality and validation of new approach methodologies.
- [Prioritizing](#) human-based technologies and models, where scientifically valid and justified.
- NIH will continue to support grants that use laboratory animal models if scientifically appropriate, justifiable, and with [appropriate animal welfare](#) oversight.

Budget Outlook and Funding Strategies



Multi-Year Funding



OMB required NIH to use 50% of its remaining (June 1-September 30) competing RPG funds for full-year funded competing RPGs.



Multi-year funded awards are funded in full at the start of the project period from a single fiscal year appropriations, not subsequent budget years. Annual reporting is still required.



NIH anticipates supporting fewer awards and researchers; lower success rates.



Cannot speak to FY 2026.

FY25 Funding Strategies

- Funding challenges have included:
 - Loss of staff
 - Delayed ‘January’ Council meeting
 - Changing HHS and NIH policies and priorities
- To improve our ability to efficiently make awards in FY25, DERT has:
 - Emphasized Non-competing awards
 - In Q4 we have used strategies such as MYF competing and non-competing awards
- We are on course to issue all FY25 awards and 100% of our appropriated funds!



Presidential Executive Order

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/improving-oversight-of-federal-grantmaking/>
- Senior level review of NOFOs and grant awards
 - Current NIH procedures are consistent with this directive
- “peer review recommendations remain advisory and are not ministerially ratified, routinely deferred to, or otherwise treated as de facto binding by senior appointees or their designees.”
- Waiting for implementation guidance from NIH
- Will inform our FY26 funding strategies



DETR Activities and Highlights



DETR Activities – others??

WTP Disaster Meeting

Building Local Capacity and Bridging Training Gaps in Disaster Preparedness and Response for Workers and Communities

Virginia Beach, VA

Sept 17-18, 2025



Centers on Children's Environmental Health Research and Translation Grantee Meeting
JHU-DC
Sep 16-18, 2025

EHS Core Centers Annual Meeting

University of Kentucky

Oct 27-30, 2025

Lung as the Gateway for Environmental Exposures

NHLBI, NIEHS, NIAID

Virtual workshop

Oct 14-15, 2025.



Pediatric and Reproductive EH Scholars/PEHSU Grantee Meeting

Decatur, GA

Nov 12-14, 2025

Cohorts for Environmental Exposures and Cancer Risk Grantee Meeting

University of Michigan

Dec. 4-5, 2025



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Thank you!

Questions?

