



Standard Due Dates for Competing Applications

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General Information

- Check the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for due date information. If the FOA says "standard dates apply", refer to table below.
- All applications must be submitted in response to a FOA. Use [Parent Announcements](#) for "unsolicited" or "investigator-initiated" applications.
- Submit AIDS and AIDS-related applications for all activity codes on the [AIDS and AIDS-related dates](#).
- For recent changes policies, including those affecting submission of grant applications see [Selected NIH Policy Notices](#).
- An active Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) must be cited for all paper and electronic submissions.
- Activity Codes listed below may not always be in use.

Application Due Dates

Activity Codes	Program Description	Application Form	Cycle I Due Date	Cycle II Due Date	Cycle III Due Date
P Series All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision	Program Project Grants and Center Grants NOTE: Applicants should check with the relevant Institute or Center (IC), since some do not accept P series applications for all three receipt/review/award cycles. Transition to SF424 (R&R): On Hold	PHS 398	January 25	May 25	September 25
R18/U18 R25 All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision	Research Demonstration Education Projects	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25
T Series D Series All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision	Institutional National Research Service Awards Other Training Grants NOTE: Applicants should check with the relevant Institute or Center (IC), since some do not accept T series applications for all three receipt/review/award cycles. Applicants should refer to the IC Table of Contacts for information for each IC's scientific/research contact for the NRSA T32 program.	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25

C06/UC6 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Construction Grants	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25
G07, G08, G11, G13, G20, S11, S21, S22, SC1, SC2, SC3 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Other Activity Codes	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25
D71/U2R, G12, M01, R10/U10, R24, R24/U24, S06, U19, U45, U54, U56 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Other Activity Codes Transition to SF424 (R&R): On Hold	PHS 398	January 25	May 25	September 25
R01 <i>new</i>	Research Grants	SF424 (R&R)	February 5	June 5	October 5
U01 <i>new</i>	Research Grants - Cooperative Agreements	SF424 (R&R)	February 5	June 5	October 5
UM1 <i>new</i>	Research Grants - Multi-Component Cooperative Agreements	PHS 398	February 5	June 5	October 5
K series <i>new</i>	Research Career Development	SF424 (R&R)	February 12	June 12	October 12
R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36 <i>new</i>	Other Research Grants	SF424 (R&R)	February 16	June 16	October 16
R15 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)	SF424 (R&R)	February 25	June 25	October 25
R01 <i>renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Research Grants	SF424 (R&R)	March 5	July 5	November 5
U01 <i>renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Research Grants - Cooperative Agreements	SF424 (R&R)	March 5	July 5	November 5
UM1 <i>renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Research Grants - Multi-Component Cooperative Agreements	PHS 398	March 5	July 5	November 5
K series <i>renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Research Career Development	SF424 (R&R)	March 12	July 12	November 12
R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36 <i>renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Other Research Grants	SF424 (R&R)	March 16	July 16	November 16

R41, R42 R43, R44, U43, U44, <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)	SF424 (R&R)	April 5	August 5	December 5
F Series Fellowships <i>new, renewal, resubmission</i>	Individual National Research Service Awards (Standard) (see NRSA Training Page)	SF424 (R&R)	April 8	August 8	December 8
R13, U13 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Conference Grants and Conference Cooperative Agreements	SF424 (R&R)	April 12	August 12	December 12
F31 Diversity Fellowships <i>new, renewal, resubmission</i>	Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (see NRSA Training Page)	SF424 (R&R)	April 13	August 13	December 13
All Activity Codes Cited Above <i>new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	AIDS and AIDS-Related Applications	Based on Activity Code	May 7	September 7	January 7

Review and Award Cycles

	Cycle I	Cycle II	Cycle III
Scientific Merit Review	June - July	October - November	February - March
Advisory Council Round	August or October *	January	May
Earliest Project Start Date	September or December *	April	July

NOTES:

The actual date of the Advisory Council may occur in the month before or after the month listed. For example, some ICs may actually hold the January Advisory Council meeting in February or the October Advisory Council meeting in September.

Awarding components may not always be able to honor the requested start date of an application. Before incurring any pre-award obligations or expenditures applicants should be aware of NIH policy governing pre-award costs prior to receiving a Notice of Award. See the NIH [Grants Policy Statement](#).

* Advisory Council Round for Cycle I applications may be August or October, and their earliest project start date may be September or December respectively.

Submission Policies (Electronic & Paper Applications)

Prior Agreement Required for \$500,000+ Direct Costs

For applications requesting **\$500,000 or more direct costs** for any year, applicants must seek agreement to accept assignment from Institute/Center staff at least **6 weeks prior** to the anticipated submission of any application. See [NIH Guide Notice dated October 16, 2001](#). This policy does not apply to applications submitted in response to RFAs or in response to other Announcements that include specific budgetary limits.

New Investigator R01 Applications

See [NOT-OD-07-083](#) for special conditions and due dates for new investigator resubmission applications submitted for consecutive review cycles. Note this applies only to new investigator R01s submitted for standard receipt dates and reviewed in recurring study sections in CSR.

Modified Submission Policy

An alternative submission policy is available for certain applications submitted listing as PD/PI individuals serving as appointed members of NIH chartered standing study sections, NIH Boards of Scientific Counselors, NIH Advisory Boards or Councils, NIH Program Advisory Committees, and/or peer reviewers who have served as regular or temporary members six times in 18 months. This policy applies to R01, R21, and R34 applications that would normally be received on standard application submission dates (not special receipt dates). See [Continuous Submission](#).

Holidays/Weekend

When a standard postmark/submission date falls on a weekend or [Federal holiday](#), the application deadline is automatically extended to the next business day. If the submission deadline shifts beyond the expiration date of the FOA, applicants submitting electronically may receive a warning message from Grants.gov. This warning will **not** keep your application from processing through Grants.gov. As always, applicants should check the eRA Commons to view their application and to ensure they have addressed any errors or warnings (areas of possible non-compliance with NIH business rules) identified by NIH systems. Remember, if you can't view your application in the eRA Commons, we can't review it!

Late Applications

Permission is not granted in advance for submission of a late application. Late applications are accepted only in extenuating circumstances. If an application is submitted late, a cover letter explaining the reasons for the delay must be included with the signed, completed application. Late applications are evaluated on an individual basis considering the reasons provided. Contacting the Division of Receipt and Referral in advance will not influence the acceptance of a late application. See NIH Guide Notice dated January 13, 2011 - [NIH Policy on Late Submission of Grant Applications](#).

Post Submission Application Materials

NIH accepts limited information between the time of initial submission of the application and the time of initial peer review. See [NOT-OD-10-115](#) to learn more.

Time Limit for Resubmission Applications

The NIH will not accept a Resubmission that is submitted later than thirty-seven months after the date of receipt of the initial New, Renewal, or Revision application. See [NOT-OD-10-140](#).

Weather/Other Disasters

In case of severe weather or other disasters that result in the closure of institutions, NIH will often issue a notice in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts. These Notices routinely state that NIH understands the problems caused by the closures and that it is reasonable for applications to have an extension of time for the number of days the institution is closed; the reason for the delay must be documented in a cover letter. Even if NIH does not issue such a Notice, the practice will apply for such institutional closings. See [NIH Extramural Response to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies](#).

Submission Policies (Electronic Applications)

On Time Submission

Electronic grant applications must be error free and successfully received by Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time of the submitting organization on the application due date in order to be considered "on time."

Submission Policies (Paper Applications)

Paper applications may only be submitted if required by the funding opportunity announcement.

Mailing

- Mailing labels in:
 - [MS Word](#) - 42 KB
 - [PDF](#) - 30 KB

- Send all applications and other deliveries to the Center for Scientific Review via courier or the USPS
- Applications **may not be delivered by individuals**. See [NIH Guide Notice dated April 22, 2003](#)
- The **ZIP code** used for courier deliveries is different from the one used for the United States Postal Service (USPS). See [NIH Guide Notice dated April 22, 2003](#).
- **Proof of Mailing** consists of either:
 1. legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, or
 2. dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the USPS
- Private metered postmarks are not acceptable

Dates

Standard Postmark/Submission Dates ("send by")

- Includes the following applications submitted for the dates listed in the Paper Applications - PHS398 table above:
 - **Investigator-Initiated Applications** (not in response to a particular announcement)
 - Program Announcements (**PAs**)

- On time if the application is postmarked/courier-dated by the date listed in the Paper Applications - PHS398 table above

Special Receipt Dates ("arrive by")

- Includes the following applications in response to announcements with unique receipt dates specified in the announcement:
 - Requests for Applications (**RFAs**)
 - Program Announcements with special Referral guidelines (**PARs**).

- On time if the application is either:
 1. Received by ("arrived by") the specified date, or
 2. Received after the specified date if it has a legible proof-of-mailing dated not later than one week prior to the specified date. If the announcement indicates resubmissions/renewals/revisions are allowed, then these are made on the special receipt dates, not the Standard Receipt Dates.

Also see:

- [Finding Help](#)
- [Table of Page Limits](#)
- [NIH Policy on Resubmission \(Amended\) Applications](#)
- [Submitting Competing SBIR/STTR Grant Applications](#)
- [NIH Forms and Applications](#)
- [Submitting Your Grant Application](#)

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