

NOFO Updates

National Cancer Advisory Board Meeting

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AGENDA

NOFO Updates

Highlighted Topics

Q & A

NOFO Process: Forecast Initiation to NOFO Publication to Funding

Cycle I of FY2028

March – November
2026

Nov
2026

Jan 25 – Mar 10
2027

Jun – Jul
2027

October
2027

Dec
2027

Receipt Dates

Peer
Review

NCAB

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Work backward from key target dates



NOFO Process: Forecast Initiation to NOFO Publication to Funding

Cycle II

August - March
2026 - 2027

March
2027

May 25 – Jul 10
2027

Oct–Nov
2027

Jan
2028

Apr
2028

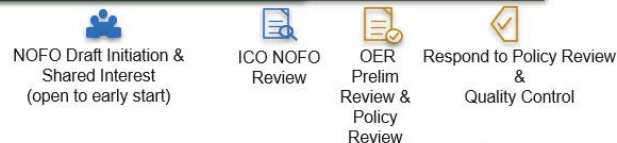
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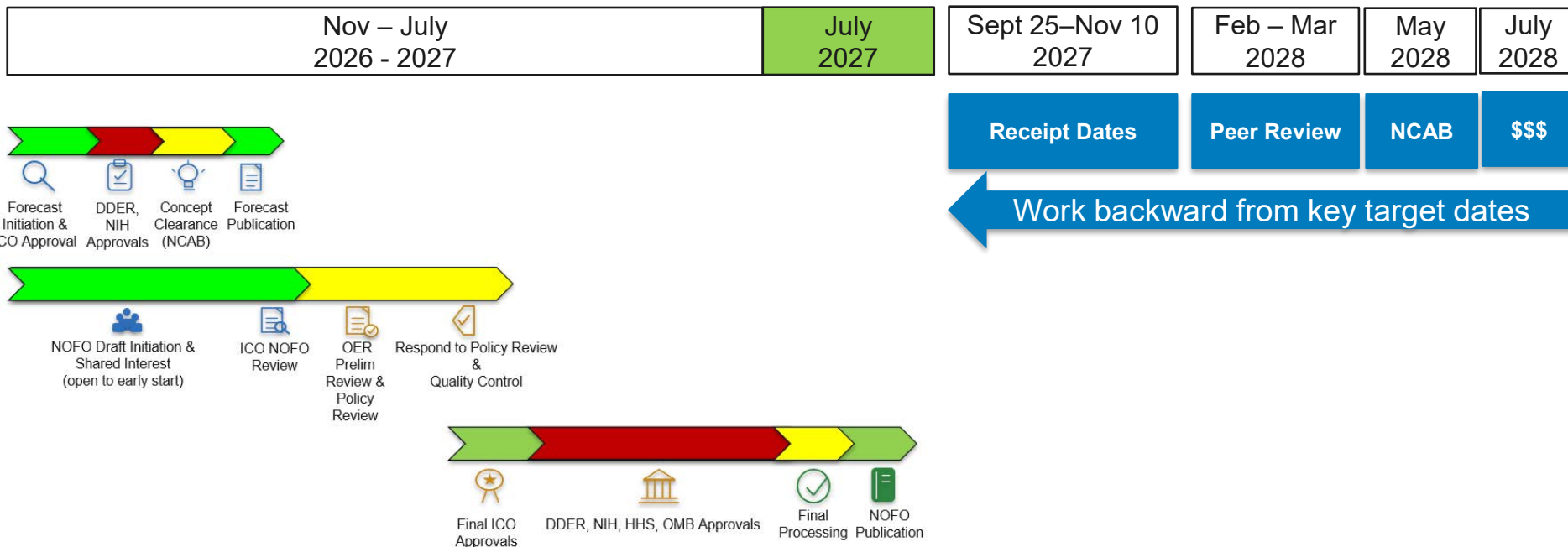
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NOFO Process: Forecast Initiation to NOFO Publication to Funding

Cycle III



FORECAST to FUNDING across cycles

Cycle	Forecast Initiation	NOFO Publication	1 st Receipt Date	Peer Review	Advisory Council (NCAB)	Project Start (\$\$\$)
I	March 2026	Nov 2026	Jan 25 – Mar 10 2027	June – July 2027	Oct 2027	Dec 2027
II	August 2026	March 2027	May 25 – July 10 2027	Oct – Nov 2027	Jan 2028	April 2028
III	November 2026	July 2027	Sept 25 – Nov 10 2027	Feb – Mar 2028	May 2028	July 2028

Are NOFOs moving through the system any faster?

OER/NIH estimates **8-9 months** from forecast initiation to NOFO publication

- Feasible for basic/straightforward NOFOs
- Not likely for NOFO types with inherent complexities

Complex features that may cause delays if revisions are requested:

- Merging two different activity codes
- NOFO-specific attachments and NOFO-specific review questions
- Cooperative agreement (U types)
- DDER/NIH (at least 3-5 weeks; longer if revision requested)
- HHS/OMB review (at least 3-5 weeks; longer if revision requested)

NOFOs Published Since 2025

NOFO#	Title
PAR-25-444	Cancer Center Support Grants (CCSGs) for NCI-designated Cancer Centers (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-26-134	The Metastasis Research Network (MetNet): MetNet Research Projects (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-27-025	Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology (K12 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-27-062	Academic Career Excellence (ACE) Award (K32 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-27-072	Bioengineering Research Grants (BRG) (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
PAR-27-073	Research Opportunities in Cancer Epidemiology Cohort Studies (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
PAR-28-062	Cancer Advancement through Partnerships in Research and Infrastructure (CAPRI) (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-CA-25-032	Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-001	Early-Stage Innovative Technology Development for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R61 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-002	Advanced Development and Validation of Emerging Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R33 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-005	Glioblastoma Therapeutics Network (GTN) (U19 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-CA-27-006	NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Research Bases (UG1 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-CA-27-007	NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Community Sites (UG1 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-008	NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Academic Community Sites (UG1 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-012	Metastasis Research Network (U54 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-016	The Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network (ETCTN) Lead Academic Organizations (UM1 Clinical Trial Required)
RFA-CA-27-017	The Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network (ETCTN) Pharmacokinetic Resource Laboratory (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
RFA-CA-27-019	Early-Stage Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-CA-27-020	Advanced Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)
RFA-CA-27-021	Sustained Support for Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24 Clinical Trial Optional)

NIH Parent and Parent-Like Funding Announcement Expansion Effort

Similarities

- Broad or general scope
- High ICO participation
- High number of applications expected
- HHS review and approval required
- Do not count towards the NIH-mandated active NOFO cap per participating ICO

Differences

- Parent-like NOFOs
 - Direct Management by Lead ICO
 - ICO Council (NCAB) approval required

Centralized NCI Grants & Funding Profile

<https://grants.nih.gov/funding/find-a-fit-for-your-research/nih-institutes-centers-offices/NCI>

NCI Policy Considerations



All NIH ICOs follow a set of [NIH-wide policies](#). These ICO-specific considerations build on those policies.

- [NCI General Funding Policies](#)
- [NCI Data Repository Requirements](#)
- [NCI Clinical Trials](#)

Additional Information by Funding Category

Administrative Supplements	+
Conferences and Meetings	+
Individual Career Development	+
Individual Fellowship	+
Institutional Career Development and Other Training	+
Institutional Training	+
Research Education	+
Small Business	+

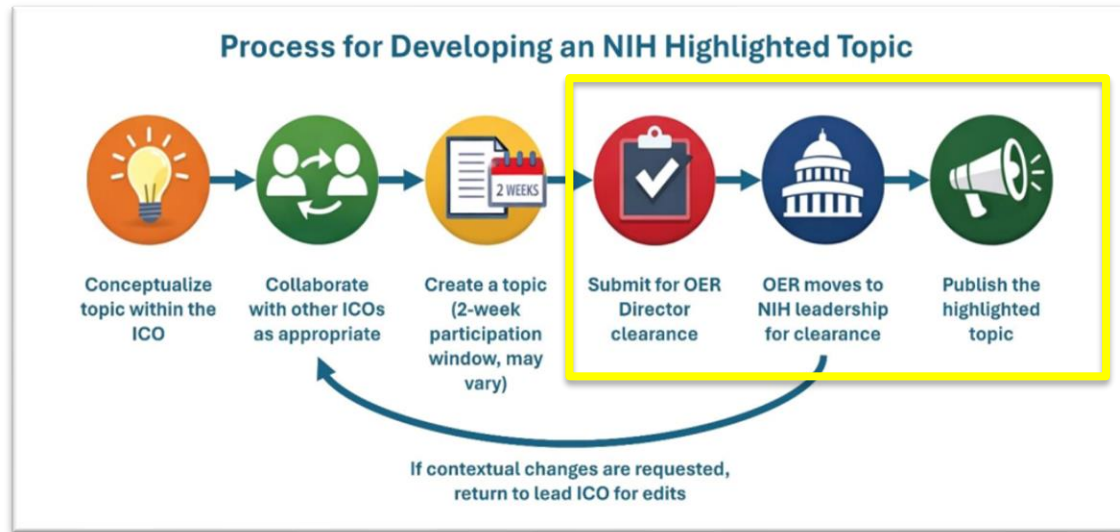
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Are HTs moving through the system any faster?

OER/NIH estimates **at least 3-5 weeks** from OER Review to HT Publication

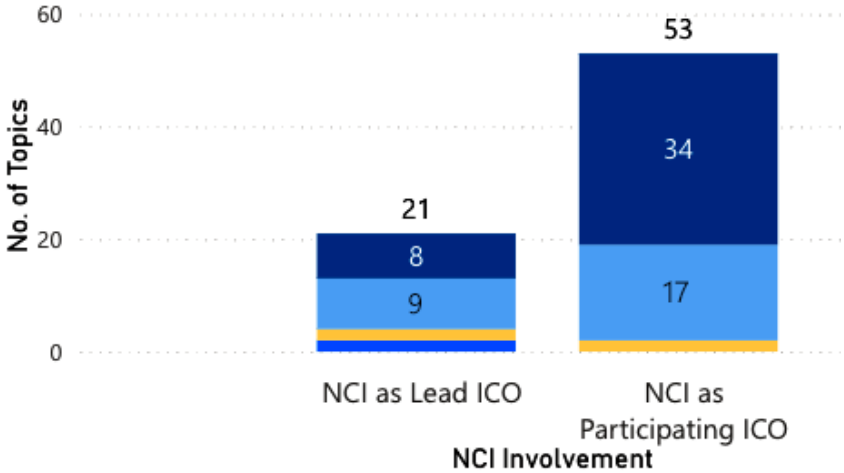


- Requires DEA Director and OER review but not HHS review
- "Not Approved" cases due to overlapping topics (within and/or across ICOs)

Highlighted Topics



Stage ● Draft ● Pending / Shared Interest ● OER Review ● Published



Search All				
Title	Lead ICO	Participating ICOs	Posted Date	Expiration Date
	NCI	All		
Advancing Research Across the Cancer Care Continuum of Early-Onset Cancers	NCI	NCI, NIDCR, ODP, THRO	August 18, 2026	August 18, 2028
Immune Mechanisms for Disease Prevention	NCI	NCI, NCCIH, NIA, NIAID, NIAMS, NIDA, NIDCR, ORWH	August 17, 2026	August 17, 2028
Research on the Role of Post-Translational Modifications in Human Health and Disease	NCI	NCI, NIA, NIDA, NIDCR	June 26, 2026	June 26, 2028
Enhancing Data Usage and Utility to Advance Biomedical Research	NCI	NCCIH, NEI, NHGRI, NIA, NIAAA, NIAMS, NIDA, NIDCR, NIDDK, NIEHS, NIMH, NLM, ODSS, ORWH, NIAID, NCI	June 24, 2026	June 24, 2028
Advancing Childhood and Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Research	NCI	NCI, NIDCR, ODP	April 15, 2026	April 15, 2028
Advancing Mechanism-driven Translational Research of Beneficial and Detrimental Effect of Psilocybin on Cancer and Other Health Conditions	NCI	NCI, NCCIH, NIDA	April 10, 2026	April 10, 2028
Research on Rare Cancers Across the Cancer Control Continuum	NCI	NCI, NIDCR	February 20, 2026	February 20, 2028
Optimal Interprofessional Teaming and Care Coordination Strategies for Cancer Care Quality and Outcomes	NCI	NCI, NIDCR, ODP	February 14, 2026	February 13, 2028

Q&A

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