

# Frequently Asked Questions for Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Administrative Supplements to Stimulate and Strengthen Global Cancer Survivorship Research

This list of Frequently Asked Questions is meant to help investigators better understand requirements and special circumstances related to the submission of an application to this NOSI. It is not meant to be a comprehensive list. As such, investigators are encouraged to contact their respective Program Officer if they have additional questions.

## *General Questions*

### **Q1. How many supplements will be awarded and what is the review process?**

A1. Depending on funds availability, the plan is to award up to 8 supplements. Applications are received and reviewed for scope by the program director of the parent award. A panel of experts will review the applications for responsiveness and the review criteria outlined. This is the standard process for review of administrative supplements at NCI.

## *Eligibility*

### **Q2. Can multiple countries be involved in the project and if so what is the limit?**

A2. Yes; there can be multiple international collaborators, but their involvement must be justified and feasible within the limited time and budget of the award. Particularly, any required scientific and/or ethics approvals within collaborating LMICs must be complete before award is made.

### **Q3. Can institutions who do not currently hold an NCI grant apply for this award?**

A3. No; institutions must hold an NCI-funded parent award.

### **Q4. Can the NCI help link holders of parent awards with international collaborators?**

A4. We suggest using [NIH Reporter](#) to search for potential collaborators in your country among current NCI awardees.

### **Q5. Is it possible to apply within the first year of the parent grant?**

A5. Yes; but it is recommended to discuss this with the program official of the parent grant prior to application submission.

### **Q6. Are grants with large unobligated balances eligible to apply?**

A6. Grants with large unobligated balances may be eligible. These should be discussed on a case-by-case basis with the Program Officer, grants specialist, and the NCI Center for Global Health scientific contacts for this NOSI before application submission.

## *Research Scope*

**Q7. For research training projects, to what extent does the existing R25 need to include a survivorship focus?**

A7. This is dependent on the aims of the R25 and can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

**Q8. Based on the title of this Notice, should applications focus on strengthening survivorship, or strengthening survivorship research methods?**

A8. Both primary objectives are responsive to this award. The Notice is titled “Strengthening” as this is not a well-developed area of global oncology.

**Q9. What is included in the eligibility definition of low-and-middle income countries (LMICs)?**

A9. This definition is inclusive of low-income, lower-middle-income, and upper-middle income countries as defined by the World Bank: <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>.

**Q10. Is research focusing biological determinants of cancer survival eligible for this award?**

A10. Such research is likely eligible and should be discussed along with specific aims with the program director of the parent grant and the scientific contacts for this NOSI.

### ***Funding and Budget***

**Q11. Does all the funding need to be spent within a year?**

A11. Yes. This is why we encourage you to leverage existing international partnerships as it can take a long time to arrange a new international collaboration.

**Q12. Is there any expectation of the proportion of funds that must be spent in the low or middle-income country versus the high-income partner country?**

A12. No; there are no specific requirements for where the funding is used, but since the award is required to have LMIC collaborators, it is anticipated that much of the funding will be devoted to research related expenses in the LMIC.

### ***Additional links and resources***

NIH Grants Application Guide: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html>

PA-20-272 Administrative Supplements Overview and Application Information:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/pa-20-272.html>

NIH Grants Policy regarding Change of Scope

[https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_8/8.1.2\\_prior\\_approval\\_requirements.htm?Highlight=Subpart%20IIB#Change4](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.1.2_prior_approval_requirements.htm?Highlight=Subpart%20IIB#Change4)

Tips for Success: Accessing the application forms needed for submission:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5\\_mio9U0oY&t](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5_mio9U0oY&t)

Applying Electronically Frequently Asked Questions: <https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/applying-electronically.htm?anchor=question52102>

New NIH "FORMS-F" Grant Application Forms and Instructions Coming for Due Dates on or after May 25, 2020: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-026.html>

NCI Center for Global Health funding page: <https://www.cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/cgh/research-training>