

NCI Youth Enjoy Science Research Education Program (R25)

What is the R25 YES Program?

The NCI Youth Enjoy Science (YES) Research Education Program (R25) provides support for institutions to develop and maintain innovative **early intervention strategies** to attract and engage **underrepresented students and their teachers** in active cancer research environments, and to help prepare students for a career in biomedical research.

Which Institutions are Eligible?

Eligible institutions include:

- Higher education institutions
- Nonprofit and for-profit organizations
- Governments (state, county, city, or township; special district; tribal; etc.)

A full list of eligible institutions is available in the Program Announcement. Foreign institutions are not eligible for this opportunity.

Who are Eligible Participants?

Eligible participants are:

- Grades 6–12 students and teachers
- Undergraduate students and faculty

Students must be:

- From a racial or ethnic group underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or social sciences, have a disability, or from disadvantaged backgrounds
- U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or non-citizen nationals

Please see the program announcement for additional eligibility criteria.

Learn More

NIH Program Announcement: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-21-020.html>.

Prior to applying, principal investigator are strongly encouraged to submit an LOI and to contact: Alison Lin, Ph.D. at alison.lin@nih.gov or 240-276-6177

AT A GLANCE

Application Due Dates: October 28, 2021; September 28, 2022; September 28, 2023

Letter of Intent (LOI): Encouraged one month prior to application due date

Participants: Grades 6–12 and/or undergraduate students from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, with a disability, or from disadvantaged backgrounds, and/or grade 6–12 teachers and/or undergraduate faculty

Award Budget: Maximum Direct Cost: \$500,000/year for up to 5 years, F&A: 8%

Important Application Information

Applications must include:

- All three components listed in the Program Announcement:
 - Research experiences
 - Curriculum or methods development
 - Outreach
- A proposed program that does not overlap with other training programs at the institution (T32, etc.)
- A requirement that all participants commit at least two consecutive years (3 months per year) to the program
- Participant evaluation and tracking