

Information Related to the Funding of Extramural Cancer Biology Research

FY26 NCI Funding Policies and Considerations

In alignment with NIH funding policies, NCI no longer uses paylines to determine competing grant funding selections.

What is considered in NCI budget decisions?

- Scientific merit
- Public health significance
- Scientific novelty
- Overall representation of the research topic within the NCI portfolio (e.g., addresses gaps in cancer research, etc.)
- Alignment with NCI's priorities and mission
- Emerging or transformative research that may be difficult to evaluate through peer review
- Investigator career stage
- Total amount and type of NCI funding already available to each investigator

Additional information, including **Competing RPG Funding Policy Reductions:**



“Our priority is to fund the most meritorious cancer research applications so that we may continue to make meaningful progress in preventing, treating, and surviving cancer.”

- Dr. Anthony Letai (NCI Director)

Current Funding Opportunities and Highlighted Topics in Cancer Biology



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