Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding Related to COVID-19

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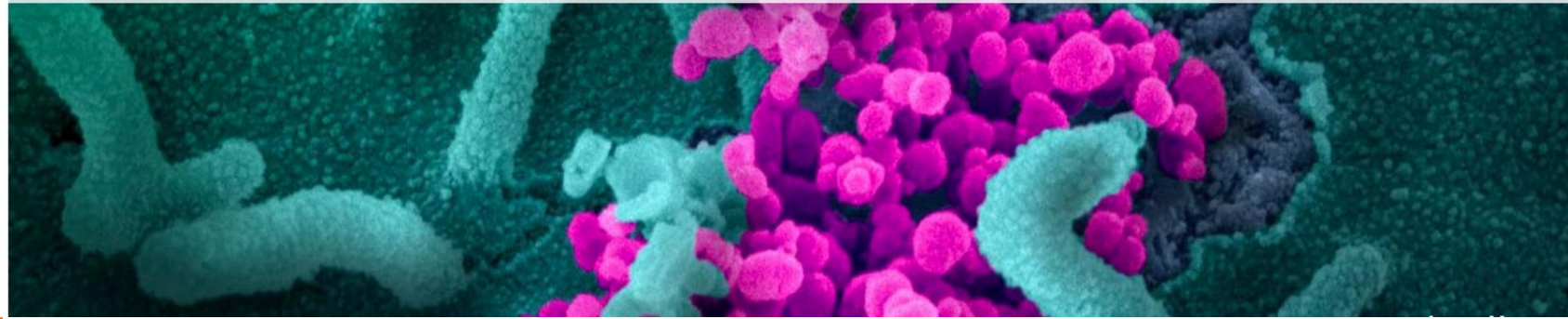
- The NIH is deeply concerned for the health and safety of people involved in NIH research, and about the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the biomedical enterprise.

- NIH is providing many administrative flexibilities to help the research continue.

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Stay Up to Date

- This is a rapidly evolving situation

- Information provided in this presentation is current as of April 6, 2020

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)
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Visit our page and check back often for updates!

https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus.htm

NIH is Open for Business

- Extramural staff are working remotely

- We continue to process applications and make awards

- We are conducting peer review meetings virtually

- We are working diligently to provide funding opportunities to support COVID-19 research

Donating Research Supplies

- To meet emergency needs, recipients may donate PPE and other research supplies purchased with NIH grant funds to support COVID-19 efforts (e.g., to hospitals and local healthcare facilities).

- Recipients may:
  - re-budget grant funds to repurchase supplies at a later date
  - use large unobligated balances
  - submit administrative supplement requests
    - Note: NIH can only provide additional funds to support supplies that are directly charged to the project(s).

- Reach out to your NIH program officer and grants management staff with specific questions.

FAQs: grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm

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Application Deadlines

- NIH will accept late applications through May 1 for deadlines between March 9 and May 1.

- No justification for the late submission is needed

- FOAs expiring within this time period will be extended

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-091

Salaries & Stipends

- If unable to work on grant or training activities, salaries and stipends may be charged to NIH grants

  - Ensure that your organization's policy allows such charges from federal and non-federal funds

- Prior approval is not required to divert faculty from research to clinical work related to COVID-19 until the end of the public health emergency period.

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-086
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Guidance on Human Research Affected by COVID-19

- Ensure the safety of all human participants and research staff involved in clinical trials and human subject studies

- Consult with IRBs and institutions about protective measures, such as:

  - Limiting study visits to those needed for participant safety or coincident with clinical care

  - Conducting virtual study visits

  - Implementing flexibilities for required laboratory tests or imaging needed for safety monitoring

- NIH will be flexible regarding project extensions and accommodating unanticipated costs

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-087

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Administrative Flexibilities

- OMB has authorized agencies to utilize administrative flexibilities to recipients conducting COVID-19 research and recipients affected by COVID-19

- NIH is allowing:
  - Pre-award costs to be incurred
  - Extensions of post-award reporting
  - Prior approval requirement waivers
  - Numerous flexibilities regarding expenditures of funds

Learn more: NOT-OD-20-086

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Accommodations for Loss of Research Time

- Extensions for early stage investigator eligibility due to COVID-19-related disruptions will be considered

- NIH will be flexible with extending time constraints for fellowship, career development, and training awards, including phased awards

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Advice for Applicants & Recipients

- For general questions regarding COVID-19 flexibilities, contact NIH's Office of Extramural Research at grantspolicy@nih.gov
- For questions specific to your NIH award, contact the grants management or program staff at the funding institute or center

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