

NIH R36 - Dissertation Award

Level of Commitment Required: 8/10

Estimated Timeline from Application Initiation to Submission: 6-8 months

Description of Award

These grants support dissertation research costs of students in accredited research doctoral programs in the United States (including Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories or possessions).

Active Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) - as of 1/18/23

- [PAR-22-172](#) (expires 5/2025): Mental Health Research Dissertation Grant to Enhance Workforce Diversity (R36 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- [PA-20-208](#) (expires 5/2023): Substance Use/Substance Use Disorder Dissertation Research Award (R36 - Clinical Trials Optional)
- [PA-18-765](#) (expires 5/2023): AHRQ Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)

What's an FOA and what do these PA(R) numbers mean? What does Clinical Trial Optional, Clinical Trial Not Allowed mean? Click [here](#) to find out!

Looking for additional information (including links to new FOAs)? Try these links:

- [NIH R36 Dissertation Award Overview](#)

Eligibility

- Predoctoral/Graduate Student/Clinical Doctorate
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Funds Provided

- PI salary and project-related expenses for up to 2 years (amount varies)

Deadlines

NIH has 3 submission cycles for new R36 applications. A letter of intent may be required and should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the application due date.

- Cycle I: February
- Cycle II: June
- Cycle III: October

New R36 applications may be submitted by any of these deadlines. For each date, applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of application organization.

Note: Check with the grants office at your home institution because internal deadlines can vary. Oftentimes materials must be submitted internally prior to the NIH deadline.

Major Application Components

Comprehensive application instructions can be found [here](#) and should be considered in conjunction with your specific FOA

- Major application components and length (general NIH page limit guidelines found [here](#))
 - Biosketch - 5 pages
 - Highlights individual qualifications for the individual's specific role in the project through the following sections:
 - Personal Statement

- Positions and Honors
 - Contributions to Science
- View [Biographical Sketch Format Page \(non-fellowship\) here](#)
- Research Plan - *7 pages*
 - Specific Aims - *1 page*
 - Research Strategy - *6 pages*
 - Significance
 - Innovation
 - Approach
- Reference Letters

Contact Information for Successful Applicants:

References:

<https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/other-training-related/R36>