

## NIH R03 - Small Grant Program

### Description of Award

The R03 grant mechanism will support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. The NIH has standardized the Small Grant (R03) application characteristics, requirements, preparation, and review procedures in order to accommodate investigator-initiated (unsolicited) applications.

Examples of the types of projects that are supported within the R03 include:

- Pilot or feasibility studies
- Secondary analysis of existing data
- Small, self-contained research projects
- Development of research methodology
- Development of new research technology

NIH awards are applied to through specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). See a list of [active R03 FOAs here](#). *What's an FOA and what do all these NIH acronyms mean? Click [here](#) to find out!*

### Looking for additional information? Try this link:

- [NIH Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#)

### Eligibility

- Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Program Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s) (PD(s)/PI(s))
  - E.g., PhD, MD, etc degree holders
- A doctoral student may not apply for an R03 grant to support thesis or dissertation research

### Funds Provided

- Up to \$100,000 over two years (\$50,000/year) to support research-related expenses

### Deadlines

NIH has 3 submission cycles for new R03 applications. No letter of intent is required.

- Cycle I: February
- Cycle II: June
- Cycle III: October
- New R03 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

**Contact Information for Successful Applicants:**

*References*

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm>