NIH R15 - Research Enhancement Award

Description of Award
Supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. The goals of the R15 are to support meritorious research, expose students to research, and strengthen the research environment of the institution.

NIH awards are applied to through specific Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs). See a list of active R15 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 Research Enhancement Award (R15)

Eligibility
- R15 Principal Investigator Eligibility:
    - The PI must have a primary appointment at the R15-eligible institution
    - The PI may not be the PI of an active NIH research grant at the time of a R15 award, though he or she may be one of the Key Personnel for an active NIH grant held by another PD/PI

- Institution Eligibility:
    - Eligible institutions (i.e., Health Professional Schools/Graduate Schools or Undergraduate- Focused Institutions) must award NIH-relevant baccalaureate or advanced degrees in health professions or biomedical sciences and have received less than $6 million per year of NIH support (total costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years.
    - See corresponding FOAs for additional institution eligibility requirements

Funds Provided
- Funds both the PI and research costs for up to 36 months
- Funds are limited to $300,000 over the entire project period

Deadlines
NIH has 3 submission cycles for new R15 applications.
- Cycle I: February
- Cycle II: June
- Cycle III: October

New R15 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 - *13 pages*
        - Specific Aims - *1 page*
        - Research Strategy - *12 pages*
            - Significance
            - Innovation
            - Approach

    - Letters of Support

    - Budget

Contact Information for Successful Applicants:

References
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r15.htm