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



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Patient Care and Researcher Safety is the First Priority

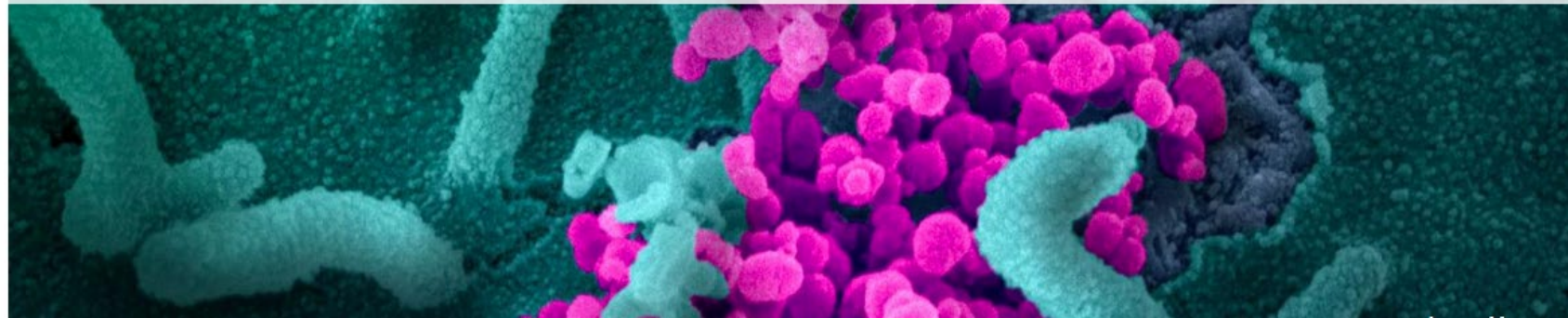
- The NIH is deeply concerned for the health and safety of people involved in NIH research, and about the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency on the biomedical enterprise.
- NIH is providing many administrative flexibilities to help the research continue.

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- This is a rapidly evolving situation
- Information provided in this presentation is current as of April 6, 2020

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Information for Applicants and Recipients



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](https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm)

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

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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

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



FAQs frequently updated. Check back often!

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Reach out to us!

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