

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Enhancement Awards (R15)

The R15 grant mechanism supports small-scale research projects at educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for research scientists but have not been major recipients of NIH funding.



QUICK FACTS



The project period is 3 years.



Direct costs cannot exceed \$300,000 over the entire project period.



These multiyear funded awards provide all funding in the first year.



The NIH modular budget policy applies.

Find more facts at
grants.nih.gov/funding/activity-codes/R15.

TWO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The **Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)** serves undergraduate-focused institutions.

The **Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP)** serves health professional schools and graduate schools.

R15 PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ELIGIBILITY

To satisfy requirements, the principal investigator must

- ☒ have a primary appointment at the R15-eligible institution.
- ☒ not be the principal investigator of an active NIH research grant at the time of an R15 award, although he or she may be one of the key personnel for an active NIH grant held by another program director/principal investigator.

For example, instrumentation awards (S10), conference grants (R13), and institutional training grants (T32) are not considered research grants.

- ☒ not be awarded more than one R15 grant at a time.



Important: Eligibility applies only to the principal investigator and multiple principal investigators – not collaborators, consultants, or subawardees.

AREA ELIGIBILITY

Before applying for an AREA grant, you'll need to satisfy the following requirements:

- ☑ The application must be submitted by the eligible undergraduate-focused institution with a unique entity identifier and a unique NIH eRA Institutional Profile number.
- ☑ The applicant institution must be an accredited public or nonprofit private school that grants baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences.
- ☑ At the time of application submission, the nonhealth professional components of the institution have not collectively received NIH support totaling more than \$6 million per year (both in direct costs and in facilities and administrative/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years. Note that all activity codes are included in this calculation except for research facilities construction grants (C06), biomedical research support shared instrumentation grants (S10), and all activity codes starting with G.
- ☑ A signed letter is required from the provost or a similar official with institution-wide responsibility, verifying the eligibility of the applicant institution at the time of application submission.

REAP ELIGIBILITY

Before applying for a REAP grant, you'll need to satisfy the following requirements:

- ☑ The application must be submitted by the eligible health professional or graduate school with a unique entity identifier and a unique NIH eRA Institutional Profile number.
- ☑ The applicant institution must be an accredited public or nonprofit private school that grants baccalaureate or advanced degrees in health professions or advanced degrees in biomedical and behavioral sciences.
- ☑ At the time of application submission, the applicant institution may not have received support from NIH totaling more than \$6 million per year (both in direct costs and in facilities and administrative/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 fiscal years. Note that all activity codes are included in this calculation except for research facilities construction grants (C06), biomedical research support shared instrumentation grants (S10), and all activity codes starting with G.
- ☑ A signed letter is required from the provost or a similar official with institution-wide responsibility, verifying the eligibility of the applicant institution at the time of application submission.



Learn more about R15 eligibility, view funding opportunities, and access application resources at <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/funding/submission-and-review/nih-research-enhancement-award-r15>.