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เรื่อง ประชาสัมพันธ์การเปิดรับข้อเสนอโครงการ จากแหล่งทุน National Institutes of Health (NIH) ประเภท Research Project Grant หัวข้อ “Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)”

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ด้วยแหล่งทุน National Institutes of Health (NIH) เปิดรับข้อเสนอโครงการ ประเภท Research Project Grant หัวข้อ “Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)” หมายเลขประกาศทุน PAR-23-169 โดยเปิดรับข้อเสนอโครงการ ตั้งแต่วันที่ 2 กรกฎาคม 2566 จนถึงวันที่ 2 สิงหาคม 2566 เวลา 17.00 น. ตามเวลาประเทศไทย ทั้งนี้ โครงการที่เสนอขอทุนให้ปฏิบัติตามประกาศ มหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล เรื่องหลักเกณฑ์และอัตราเงินค่าธรรมเนียมพัฒนาการวิจัยของมหาวิทยาลัยและส่วนงานที่จัดเก็บ จากโครงการวิจัยที่ได้รับเงินอุดหนุนจากแหล่งทุนภายนอกมหาวิทยาลัย พ.ศ. 2560 และขอให้ดำเนินการตามที่ระบุใน หนังสือชักชวนแนวปฏิบัติ เรื่องมาตรฐานการวิจัยของโครงการวิจัย รายละเอียดดังเอกสารแนบมาด้วยนี้ ทั้งนี้ อาจารย์/นักวิจัยที่สนใจสามารถศึกษารายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้ตามเอกสารที่แนบมาด้วยนี้ หรือเว็บไซต์ของแหล่ง <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-23-169.html>

ในการนี้ กองบริหารงานวิจัย มหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล จึงขอแจ้งข่าวประกาศทุนมายังท่าน เพื่อโปรดประชาสัมพันธ์ทุนวิจัยดังกล่าวให้บุคลากรในหน่วยงานของท่านทราบโดยทั่วกัน และขอให้อาจารย์/นักวิจัย โปรดแจ้งความประสงค์การจัดส่งข้อเสนอโครงการ ภายในวันที่ 2 กรกฎาคม 2566 และจัดส่งข้อเสนอโครงการวิจัยผ่านส่วนงานต้นสังกัดมายังกองบริหารงานวิจัยเพื่อตรวจสอบรายละเอียดข้อเสนอโครงการฉบับสมบูรณ์ภายในวันที่ 26 กรกฎาคม 2566 ทั้งนี้ หากส่วนงานจัดส่งข้อเสนอโครงการวิจัยหลังจากวันที่ 26 กรกฎาคม 2566 มหาวิทยาลัยขอสงวนสิทธิ์ในการยื่นข้อเสนอโครงการวิจัยเพื่อขอรับทุนดังกล่าว

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# Department of Health and Human Services

## Part 1. Overview Information

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**Participating Organization(s)**

National Institutes of Health ([NIH \(http://www.nih.gov\)](http://www.nih.gov))

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**Components of Participating Organizations**

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases ([NIAID \(https://www.niaid.nih.gov/\)](https://www.niaid.nih.gov/))

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**Funding Opportunity Title**

Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

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**Activity Code**

R01 ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac\\_search\\_results.htm?text\\_curr=r01&Search.x=0&Search.y=0&Search\\_Type=Activity](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/ac_search_results.htm?text_curr=r01&Search.x=0&Search.y=0&Search_Type=Activity)) Research Project Grant

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**Announcement Type**

Reissue of [PAR-20-158 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-158.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-20-158.html)

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**Related Notices**

- **August 5, 2022** - Implementation Details for the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy - see Notice [NOT-OD-22-189 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-189.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-189.html).
- **August 8, 2022** - New NIH "FORMS-H" Grant Application Forms and Instructions Coming for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2023 - See Notice [NOT-OD-22-195 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-195.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-195.html).
- **August 31, 2022** - Implementation Changes for Genomic Data Sharing Plans Included with Applications Due on or after January 25, 2023 - See Notice [NOT-OD-22-198 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-22-198.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-22-198.html).
- **October 26, 2022** - Reminder: FORMS-H Grant Application Forms & Instructions Must be Used for Due Dates On or After January 25, 2023 - New Grant Application Instructions Now Available - See Notice [NOT-OD-23-012 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-23-012.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-23-012.html).

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**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Number**

PAR-23-169

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**Companion Funding Opportunity**

None

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**Number of Applications**

See [Section III. 3. Additional Information on Eligibility](#).

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**Assistance Listing Number(s)**

93.855

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**Funding Opportunity Purpose**

The purpose of this reissued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to support high-risk, high-impact, early discovery research on vaccine approaches to prevent acquisition of or ongoing infection by HIV. In keeping with the high-risk, high-impact nature of this research, this NOFO supports a Go/No-Go approach to funding high risk research, which is significantly different from most R01 projects. Continued funding for the full award duration is dependent upon achieving negotiated "Go/No-Go" criteria by the end of Year 2.

## Key Dates

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**Posted Date**

April 21, 2023

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**Open Date (Earliest Submission Date)**

July 02, 2023

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**Letter of Intent Due Date(s)**

Not Applicable

Application Due Dates			Review and Award Cycles		
New	Renewal / Resubmission / Revision (as allowed)	AIDS	Scientific Merit Review	Advisory Council Review	Earliest Start Date
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	August 02, 2023	November 2023	January 2024	March 2024
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	August 02, 2024	November 2024	January 2025	March 2025
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	August 01, 2025	November 2025	January 2026	March 2026

All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

#### Expiration Date

August 02, 2025

#### Due Dates for E.O. 12372

Not Applicable

#### Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the Research (R) Instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=82400\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=82400), except where instructed to do otherwise (in this NOFO or in a Notice from [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11164\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11164)).

Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the NOFO) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in Section IV. When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions.

**Applications that do not comply with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.**

There are several options available to submit your application through Grants.gov to NIH and Department of Health and Human Services partners. You **must** use one of these submission options to access the application forms for this opportunity.

1. Use the NIH ASSIST system to prepare, submit and track your application online.

Apply Online Using ASSIST

2. Use an institutional system-to-system (S2S) solution to prepare and submit your application to Grants.gov and eRA Commons (<https://public.era.nih.gov/commons/>) to track your application. Check with your institutional officials regarding availability.
3. Use [Grants.gov \(https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html#search=true&oppNum=PAR-23-169\)](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/download-application-package.html#search=true&oppNum=PAR-23-169) Workspace to prepare and submit your application and [eRA Commons \(http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/\)](http://public.era.nih.gov/commons/) to track your application.

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## Part 2. Full Text of Announcement

### Section I. Notice of Funding Opportunity Description

#### Purpose

The purpose of this reissued Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to encourage applications proposing high risk, high impact, early discovery research on vaccine approaches to prevent acquisition of or ongoing infection by HIV. The need for new paradigms and discovery research remains high, and until an HIV vaccine has been shown to be broadly efficacious and durable, there is an ongoing need to vigorously support early discovery and truly innovative HIV vaccine research. In addition, the objective is to significantly catalyze and accelerate HIV vaccine research by leveraging the COVID-19 vaccine successes and challenges. Developing an effective HIV vaccine will require notably better understanding of how to optimally trigger broad T- and B-cell responses, and possibly innate immunity, to prevent or limit the initial infection and/or elicit responses that contain and eliminate established infection and latent reservoirs, and this NOFO specifically endeavors to promote such discovery research. The foremost goal of this NOFO is to support novel, never tested before exploratory HIV vaccine research strategies. Secondly, it will continue to consider support for worthy novel basic vaccine discovery research that has not yet been fully exploited.

This reissued NOFO also retains the goal of encouraging involvement of principal investigators (PIs) new to the HIV vaccine field, especially new investigators (NIs), early-stage (ESIs) and at-risk investigators, and to build interdisciplinary approaches among virologists, immunologists, molecular and systems biologists, microbiologists, clinical scientists, and other relevant specialists.

In keeping with the high impact, high risk nature of the research, preliminary data are not required for this NOFO.

## Background

HIV continues to be a serious health issue worldwide, and since the first cases of HIV were reported 1981, an estimated 84 million people have been infected worldwide, resulting in over 40 million deaths with about 16 million AIDS orphans. Thus, an effective vaccine against HIV remains a major public health priority. Attaining a successful HIV vaccine has unfortunately emerged to be very difficult and is likely to require redefining viral-host immunology as it is currently understood. In this regard, the NIAID Human Immunology Project Consortium (HIPC) program, aims to advance human immunology knowledge, and the NIAID Human Immunome Project was initiated to develop a strategic roadmap for developing artificial intelligence (AI) models of the human immune system.

Currently, around 40 million people are living with HIV, and despite advances in treatment and the widespread distribution of antiretroviral drugs, infection and death rates remain alarmingly high. In 2021 alone, an estimated 1.5 million people were infected with HIV and over 650,000 died of HIV-related complications, and HIV remains a leading cause of death worldwide and the leading cause of death globally of women of reproductive age. There have been notable gains since the height of the pandemic in 2004, for example HIV-related deaths dropped by no less than 60%, while the rate of vertical transmission has been cut in half. Immense gaps in the global response remain, and challenges and concerns persist in the United States, where the poor, people of color, and men who have sex with men (MSM) are disproportionately affected. Currently, over 1.2 million Americans are living with HIV, and the annual infection rate, has decreased to about 35,000 per year in the U.S. due to preventive strategies like PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) and HIV treatment as prevention.

Despite decades of research, only limited HIV vaccine platforms have reached clinical efficacy testing. Vax003, Vax004, HVTN 502, 503 and 505 Phase 2b/3 trials testing platforms that included gp120 Env, rAd5 and/or DNA failed to protect vaccines from HIV infection. More recently, the HVTN 702 efficacy trial, based on the regimen used in the RV144 trial in Thailand (wherein protection from HIV was modest and short-lived), evaluated an investigational prime-boost vaccine regimen in South Africa that was stopped in early 2020 due to lack of vaccine efficacy. Another Phase 2b trial, namely the HVTN 705 trial to evaluate a heterologous vaccine regimen using Ad26.Mos4.HIV, was stopped for futility. A similar Phase 3 trial, HVTN 706, using an additional Env boost, in a different population and geographic region, is still being evaluated at this writing. Of note, the recent AMP and G001 trials provided proof-of-principle protection mediated by broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs) and induction of bNAb lineages by rationally designed immunogens, respectively.

Preclinical studies with SIV/SHIV modeling in nonhuman primates (NHP), a strong analogue of HIV in humans, permit extensive blood and tissue sampling not typically possible in humans, and have led to better understanding of the time and nature of virus exposure and vaccine responses. Further, NHP modeling is important for not just testing vaccines for clinical development, but also for applying new and rapidly evolving and remarkably probing tools, for example new functional -omics tools (e.g., single cell RNAseq and spatial transcriptomics with AI/machine learning), as well as new imaging technologies. Many of these new tools can deeply probe key submucosae compartments and draining lymph node tissues where virus/virus-infected cells and immune responses engage. Two important highly problematic areas in developing a successful protective HIV vaccine are that they induce both sufficient immune breadth and duration. The CMV vector vaccine now in clinical trial has shown impressive preclinical efficacy in multiple NHP studies with highly suggestive mechanistic correlates of protection using some of these new tools and is an example of a vaccine approach that has the potential to address both the breadth and durability dilemma. A primary goal is to use novel research approaches to optimize all humoral and cellular (e.g., T-cell and NK-cell) immune response functions. Research to induce durable bNAbs remains the highest priority, and though this may require a protracted vaccination process, some notable successes have been achieved in how to drive Ab maturation along pathways for neutralization breadth. In summary, the need continues to foster innovative thinking for HIV vaccines focused on entry-level basic research that can develop new

paradigms and approaches for the design and development of an HIV vaccine.

## Go/No-Go Criteria

This NOFO requires applications to include a detailed project performance "timeline" and Go/No-Go criteria with clear metrics to be met by the end of the second year of the award. This is a significant requirement beyond the conventional investigator initiated R01 application. Initially, support will be committed for four years. However, if the Go/No-Go criteria are not met, funding for years 03 and 04 will be reduced to less than the committed level. The stated Go/No-Go criteria will be included in the Notice of Award.

The progress of research towards the stated Go/No-Go criteria will be evaluated by NIH Program staff at the end of Year 2. Awardees meeting the Go/No-Go criteria will continue for years 3 and 4 at the approved budget level. Awardees **not** meeting their Go/No-Go criteria, will be funded at a reduced rate for budget periods 3 and 4.

## Specific Areas of Research Interest

Proposed projects should have potential to significantly impact the design of immunogens or immunization strategies for an HIV vaccine.

The following list is not intended to emphasize or limit applications to any specific areas of research, but only to serve as examples of high-risk, high-impact and novel research projects. Animal model evaluation of a proposed hypothesis, for example, assessing vaccine immunogenicity or efficacy using simian-tropic HIV, SIV or pathogenic SHIV challenge, is strongly encouraged. NIH expects the consideration of sex as a biological variable (NOT-OD-15-102 (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-102.html>)) and recognizes NHPs as an "acutely scarce resource". Studies using NHP models are to be gender-balanced whenever possible. Research projects and studies may include, but are not limited to, the following topics listed below:

- Novel vaccine approaches to elicit durable cellular responses and/or humoral protective immunity against HIV, SHIV, and/or SIV
- Explore mechanisms of vaccine induced and/or imprinted innate immune responses that can be recalled in response to subsequent vaccination or infection
- Novel strategies to direct protective immunity to relevant anatomical sites (e.g., vaginal and/or rectal mucosa, secondary lymphoid tissues)
- Exploring the utility of novel platforms for immunogen delivery
- Studies of novel antigen processing, presentation or priming mechanisms that engender broadly reactive (e.g., neutralizing) antibodies, and/or effector cellular responses (e.g., T cells and NK cells)
- Development of new animal models, assays, adjuvants, and/or vaccine formulations/platforms but only if specifically linked to a novel vaccine intervention strategy for prevention of acquisition or clearance of virus-infected cells; evaluation of proposed hypotheses with appropriate animal models is highly encouraged
- Use of clinical specimens to answer key questions about systemic and/or mucosal immune responses to HIV infection in humans that could lead to vaccine improvements. Applicants may wish to contact the [HIV Vaccine Trials Network](https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/hiv-vaccine-trials-network) (<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/hiv-vaccine-trials-network>)
- Exploring the impact of the host microbiome on vaccine-induced immunity and efficacy
- Previously unexplored HIV-/SIV-encoded targets as immunogens
- Functional -omics, and AI/machine learning approaches are encouraged to achieve the NOFO's objectives

## Applications Not Responsive to this NOFO

The following types of studies are not responsive to this NOFO. Applications proposing such studies will be considered non-responsive and will not be reviewed.

- Product development or clinical trials
- Descriptive basic research or structural studies without a plausible and direct application to HIV vaccines
- Incremental improvements of approaches, including iterative studies that propose the next step(s) in the development of a vaccination approach currently under development or in clinical studies.
- Use of an antiretroviral therapeutic agent as part of a vaccination strategy
- Incorporating a behavioral research component within a vaccination strategy
- Development of therapeutic HIV vaccines
- Applications without a Go/No-Go Decision Criterion/Criteria section

See [Section VIII. Other Information](#) for award authorities and regulations.

## Section II. Award Information

### Funding Instrument

Grant: A support mechanism providing money, property, or both to an eligible entity to carry out an approved project or activity.

### Application Types Allowed

New

The [OER Glossary \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11116\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11116) and the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide provide details on these application types. Only those application types listed here are allowed for this NOFO.

### Clinical Trial?

Not Allowed: Only accepting applications that do not propose clinical trials.

[Need help determining whether you are doing a clinical trial? \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=82370\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=82370)

### Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards

NIH intends to fund an estimate of 2 to 4 awards, corresponding to a total of \$2M, for fiscal year 2024. Future year amounts will depend on annual appropriations.

### Award Budget

Application budgets are limited to \$350,000 per year in direct costs. Applicants may request up to an additional \$150,000 per year in direct costs in any year when research in nonhuman primate (NHP) or humanized mice models is proposed and justified.

### Award Project Period

The project period is up to four years. Applicants should submit a 4-year project period and are required to identify Go/No-Go decision criteria to be achieved for the Year 2 progress report to allow continued funding for years 3 and 4. Achievement of the stated goal(s) ("Go") will enable continuation of the R01 for years 3 and 4, while failure to achieve the stated goal(s) ("No-Go") will result in negotiation of a reduced budget for Year 3 and Year 4.

NIH grants policies as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11120) will apply to the applications submitted and awards made from this NOFO.

## Section III. Eligibility Information

### 1. Eligible Applicants

#### Eligible Organizations

##### Higher Education Institutions

- Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education

The following types of Higher Education Institutions are always encouraged to apply for NIH support as Public or Private Institutions of Higher Education:

- Hispanic-serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)
- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
- Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)

##### Nonprofits Other Than Institutions of Higher Education

- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

##### For-Profit Organizations

- Small Businesses
- For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses)

##### Local Governments

- State Governments
- County Governments
- City or Township Governments
- Special District Governments
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)
- Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized)

##### Federal Government

- Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government
- U.S. Territory or Possession

##### Other

- Independent School Districts
- Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities
- Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Faith-based or Community-based Organizations
- Regional Organizations

- Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions)

### Foreign Institutions

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.

Non-domestic (non-U.S.) components of U.S. Organizations are eligible to apply.

Foreign components, as defined in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11118\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11118), are allowed.

### Required Registrations

#### Applicant Organizations

Applicant organizations must complete and maintain the following registrations as described in the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide to be eligible to apply for or receive an award. All registrations must be completed prior to the application being submitted. Registration can take 6 weeks or more, so applicants should begin the registration process as soon as possible. The [NIH Policy on Late Submission of Grant Applications \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_2/2.3.9\\_application\\_receipt\\_information\\_and\\_deadlines.htm#Electron:-:text=by%22%20dates%20apply.-.2.3.9.2%20EleFor%20applications%20submitted\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.9_application_receipt_information_and_deadlines.htm#Electron:-:text=by%22%20dates%20apply.-.2.3.9.2%20EleFor%20applications%20submitted) states that failure to complete registrations in advance of a due date is not a valid reason for a late submission.

- **System for Award Management (SAM)** – ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=82390](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=82390)) Applicants must complete and maintain an active registration, which requires renewal at least annually. The renewal process may require as much time as the initial registration. SAM registration includes the assignment of a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code for domestic organizations which have not already been assigned a CAGE Code.
  - **NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) Code** ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11176](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11176)) – Foreign organizations must obtain an NCAGE code (in lieu of a CAGE code) in order to register in SAM.
  - **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** - A UEI is issued as part of the SAM.gov registration process. The same UEI must be used for all registrations, as well as on the grant application.
- **eRA Commons** ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11123](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11123)) - Once the unique organization identifier is established, organizations can register with eRA Commons in tandem with completing their Grants.gov registration; all registrations must be in place by time of submission. eRA Commons requires organizations to identify at least one Signing Official (SO) and at least one Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) account in order to submit an application.
- **Grants.gov** ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=82300](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=82300)) – Applicants must have an active SAM registration in order to complete the Grants.gov registration.

#### Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PD(s)/PI(s))

All PD(s)/PI(s) must have an eRA Commons account. PD(s)/PI(s) should work with their organizational officials to either create a new account or to affiliate their existing account with the applicant organization in eRA Commons. If the PD/PI is also the organizational Signing Official, they must have two distinct eRA Commons accounts, one for each role. Obtaining an eRA Commons account can take up to 2 weeks.

#### Eligible Individuals (Program Director/Principal Investigator)

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)) is invited to work with their organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, individuals with disabilities, and women are always encouraged to apply for NIH support. See, Reminder: Notice of NIH's Encouragement of Applications Supporting Individuals from Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups as well as Individuals with Disabilities, [NOT-OD-22-019 \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-019.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-22-019.html).

For institutions/organizations proposing multiple PDs/Pis, visit the [Multiple Program Director/Principal Investigator Policy](#) and submission details in the Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Component of the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

## 2. Cost Sharing

This NOFO does not require cost sharing as defined in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11126\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11126).

## 3. Additional Information on Eligibility

### Number of Applications

Applicant organizations may submit more than one application, provided that each application is scientifically distinct.

The NIH will not accept duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time, per [2.3.7.4 Submission of Resubmission Application \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_2/2.3.7\\_policies\\_affecting\\_applications.htm#Submissi\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.7_policies_affecting_applications.htm#Submissi). This means that the NIH will not accept:

- A new (A0) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of an overlapping new (A0) or resubmission (A1) application.
- A resubmission (A1) application that is submitted before issuance of the summary statement from the review of the previous new (A0) application.
- An application that has substantial overlap with another application pending appeal of initial peer review (see [2.3.9.4 Similar, Essentially Identical, or Identical Applications \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_2/2.3.9\\_application\\_receipt\\_information\\_and\\_deadlines.htm#Similar.\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.3.9_application_receipt_information_and_deadlines.htm#Similar.)).

## Section IV. Application and Submission Information

### 1. Requesting an Application Package

The application forms package specific to this opportunity must be accessed through ASSIST, Grants.gov Workspace or an institutional system-to-system solution. Links to apply using ASSIST or Grants.gov Workspace are available in [Part 1](#) of this NOFO. See your administrative office for instructions if you plan to use an institutional system-to-system solution.

### 2. Content and Form of Application Submission

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the Research (R) Instructions in the [SF424 \(R&R\) Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=82400\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=82400) except where instructed in this notice of funding opportunity to do otherwise. Conformance to the requirements in the Application Guide is required and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance with these instructions may be delayed or not accepted for review.

#### Page Limitations

All page limitations described in the SF424 Application Guide and the [Table of Page Limits \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11133\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11133) must be followed.

#### Instructions for Application Submission

The following section supplements the instructions found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide and should be used for preparing an application to this NOFO.

#### SF424(R&R) Cover

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

#### SF424(R&R) Project/Performance Site Locations

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

#### SF424(R&R) Other Project Information

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**SF424(R&R) Senior/Key Person Profile**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**R&R or Modular Budget**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**R&R Subaward Budget**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**PHS 398 Research Plan**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

**Research Strategy:** Present a brief overview of the scientific problem being addressed and the potential of the project to influence the field of HIV vaccinology.

- Describe the extent to which the proposed novel prophylactic vaccine approach for preventing HIV acquisition or clearing HIV infection will contribute to advancing HIV vaccine concepts and targets, and the potential for gain in fundamental knowledge. If applicable, describe how the aims truly reflect a novel exploratory HIV vaccine research strategy that currently has no precedent in the published literature.
- Describe the relevant information or data that support the approach that will lead to successful completion of the project. Such information may include, for example, the scientific literature, scientific discoveries related to career stage, overcoming hurdles or barriers to achieve success, data from other sources, or other inferential data that establishes the potential for research success; preliminary data are not required.
- Describe how the innovative methodology would contribute to the success of the project.
- Describe the plan to incorporate multidisciplinary teams, including those outside the HIV/AIDS research area, and how their discipline-specific expertise enhances the success of the project.
- Applications proposing the use of NHP must describe consideration sex as a biological variable <https://orwh.od.nih.gov/sites/orwh/files/docs/NOT-OD-15-102%20Guidance.pdf> (<https://orwh.od.nih.gov/sites/orwh/files/docs/NOT-OD-15-102%20Guidance.pdf>). Describe and justify the sex distribution of animals proposed.

Include a section titled, Go/No-Go Decision Criterion/Criteria. In this section state the Go/No-Go criterion/criteria, demonstrate how they are measurable, quantifiable, and scientifically rigorous, and define how success is identified using the stated criteria. A restatement of an application's specific aim(s) is not considered adequate for Go/No-Go criterion/criteria. In the same section, provide a timeline(s) to support the choice and timing of the Go/No-Go decision(s), as well as a brief project performance timeline, including points on the timeline when essential aspects of the project are likely to be completed. Describe the suitability of the chosen Go/No-Go criterion/criteria for assessing the success of the first 2 years of support and discuss how completion of the Go/No-Go criterion/criteria will facilitate achieving the stated goals.

**Letters of Support:** Provide letters of support from each collaborator named on the application describing their contribution to the proposed research.

**Resource Sharing Plan:**

Individuals are required to comply with the instructions for the Resource Sharing Plans as provided in the SF424 (R & R ) Application Guide.

**Other Plan(s):**

Note: Effective for due dates on or after January 25, 2023, the Data Management and Sharing Plan will be attached in the Other Plan(s) attachment in FORMS-H application forms packages.

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed, with the following additional instructions:

- All applicants planning research (funded or conducted in whole or in part by NIH) that results in the generation of scientific data are required to comply with the instructions for the Data Management and Sharing Plan. All applications, regardless of the amount of direct costs requested for any one year, must address a Data Management and Sharing Plan.

**Appendix:**

Only limited Appendix materials are allowed. Follow all instructions for the Appendix as described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

- No publications or other material, with the exception of blank questionnaires or blank surveys, may be included in the Appendix.

**PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information**

When involving human subjects research, clinical research, and/or NIH-defined clinical trials (and when applicable, clinical trials research experience) follow all instructions for the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide, with the following additional instructions:

If you answered "Yes" to the question "Are Human Subjects Involved?" on the R&R Other Project Information form, you must include at least one human subjects study record using the **Study Record: PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information** form or **Delayed Onset Study** record.

**Study Record: PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**Delayed Onset Study**

Note: [Delayed onset](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm#DelayedOnsetStudy) (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm#DelayedOnsetStudy>) does NOT apply to a study that can be described but will not start immediately (i.e., delayed start). All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**PHS Assignment Request Form**

All instructions in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide must be followed.

**Foreign Institutions**

Foreign (non-U.S.) institutions must follow policies described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11137) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11137](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11137)), and procedures for foreign institutions described throughout the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

**3. Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM)**

See Part 1, Section III.1 for information regarding the requirement for obtaining a unique entity identifier and for completing and maintaining active registrations in System for Award Management (SAM), NATO Commercial and Government Entity (NCAGE) Code (if applicable), eRA Commons, and Grants.gov

**4. Submission Dates and Times**

[Part I, Overview Information](#) contains information about Key Dates and times. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications before the due date to ensure they have time to make any application corrections that might be necessary for successful submission. When a submission date falls on a weekend or **Federal holiday** ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.html?id=82380](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.html?id=82380)), the application deadline is automatically extended to the next business day.

Organizations must submit applications to [Grants.gov \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11128\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11128) (the online portal to find and apply for grants across all Federal agencies). Applicants must then complete the submission process by tracking the status of the application in the [eRA Commons \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123), NIH's electronic system for grants administration. NIH and Grants.gov systems check the application against many of the application instructions upon submission. Errors must be corrected and a changed/corrected application must be submitted to Grants.gov on or before the application due date and time. If a Changed/Corrected application is submitted after the deadline, the application will be considered late. Applications that miss the due date and time are subjected to the NIH Policy on Late Application Submission.

Applicants are responsible for viewing their application before the due date in the eRA Commons to ensure accurate and successful submission.

Information on the submission process and a definition of on-time submission are provided in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

## 5. Intergovernmental Review (E.O. 12372)

This initiative is not subject to intergovernmental review. ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section\\_10/10.10.1\\_executive\\_orders.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_10/10.10.1_executive_orders.htm))

## 6. Funding Restrictions

All NIH awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120).

Pre-award costs are allowable only as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11143\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11143).

## 7. Other Submission Requirements and Information

Applications must be submitted electronically following the instructions described in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Applicants must complete all required registrations before the application due date. [Section III. Eligibility Information](#) contains information about registration.

For assistance with your electronic application or for more information on the electronic submission process, visit [How to Apply – Application Guide \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide.html). If you encounter a system issue beyond your control that threatens your ability to complete the submission process on-time, you must follow the [Dealing with System Issues \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/dealing-with-system-issues.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/due-dates-and-submission-policies/dealing-with-system-issues.htm) guidance. For assistance with application submission, contact the Application Submission Contacts in [Section VII](#).

### Important reminders:

All PD(s)/PI(s) must include their eRA Commons ID in the Credential field of the Senior/Key Person Profile form. Failure to register in the Commons and to include a valid PD/PI Commons ID in the credential field will prevent the successful submission of an electronic application to NIH. See Section III of this NOFO for information on registration requirements.

The applicant organization must ensure that the unique entity identifier provided on the application is the same identifier used in the organization's profile in the eRA Commons and for the System for Award Management. Additional information may be found in the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

See [more tips \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11146\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11146) for avoiding common errors.

Upon receipt, applications will be evaluated for completeness and compliance with application instructions by the Center for Scientific Review and responsiveness by NIAID, NIH. Applications that are incomplete, non-compliant and/or nonresponsive will not be reviewed.

## Post Submission Materials

Applicants are required to follow the instructions for post-submission materials, as described in [the policy \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82299\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=82299)

# Section V. Application Review Information

## 1. Criteria

Only the review criteria described below will be considered in the review process. Applications submitted to the NIH in support of the [NIH mission \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11149\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11149) are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system.

For this particular announcement, note the following: Limited or no preliminary data itself shall not negatively impact the score. However, all preliminary data included in submitted applications shall be subject to full critical review.

### Overall Impact

Reviewers will provide an overall impact score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) involved, in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria (as applicable for the project proposed).

### Scored Review Criteria

Reviewers will consider each of the review criteria below in the determination of scientific merit and give a separate score for each. An application does not need to be strong in all categories to be judged likely to have major scientific impact. For example, a project that by its nature is not innovative may be essential to advance a field.

#### Significance

Does the project address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field? Is the prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project rigorous? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice be improved? How will successful completion of the aims change the concepts, methods, technologies, treatments, services, or preventative interventions that drive this field?

#### Investigator(s)

Are the PD(s)/PI(s), collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or those in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance, and organizational structure appropriate for the project?

#### NOFO specific criteria:

How well does the proposed research benefit from the expertise provided by discipline-specific research teams, including those outside the HIV/AIDS research area?

#### Innovation

Does the application challenge and seek to shift current research or clinical practice paradigms by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions? Are the concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions novel to one field of research or novel in a broad sense? Is a refinement, improvement, or new application of theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions proposed?

#### NOFO specific criteria:

Do the aims truly reflect a novel exploratory HIV vaccine research strategy? And, if successful, will the project have a positive effect on the field of HIV vaccine concepts and targets?



Does the project propose the development of innovative methods or employ standard methods in innovative ways?

### Approach

Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Have the investigators included plans to address weaknesses in the rigor of prior research that serves as the key support for the proposed project? Have the investigators presented strategies to ensure a robust and unbiased approach, as appropriate for the work proposed? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and will particularly risky aspects be managed? Have the investigators presented adequate plans to address relevant biological variables, such as sex, for studies in vertebrate animals or human subjects?

If the project involves human subjects and/or NIH-defined clinical research, are the plans to address 1) the protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals on the basis of sex/gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as the inclusion or exclusion of individuals of all ages (including children and older adults), justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?

*NOFO specific criteria:*

Does the approach adequately support the underpinnings of the proposed research concept? In the absence of preliminary data, is sufficient evidence presented to support the successful completion of the project?

### Environment

Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment, and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements?

### Additional Review Criteria

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will evaluate the following additional items while determining scientific and technical merit, and in providing an overall impact score, but will not give separate scores for these items.

#### Go/No-Go Decision Criteria

Are the proposed Go/No-Go decision criteria well-defined with quantifiable and measurable outcomes appropriate for assessing the success of the first 2 years of the application? Are the Go/No-Go decision criteria sufficiently described to enable a clear decision about attainment? Are the applicant's Go/No-Go decision criteria commensurate with the overall project's proposed advancement of the vaccine candidate, target, technology, or strategy?

#### Protections for Human Subjects

For research that involves human subjects but does not involve one of the categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate the justification for involvement of human subjects and the proposed protections from research risk relating to their participation according to the following five review criteria: 1) risk to subjects, 2) adequacy of protection against risks, 3) potential benefits to the subjects and others, 4) importance of the knowledge to be gained, and 5) data and safety monitoring for clinical trials.

For research that involves human subjects and meets the criteria for one or more of the categories of research that are exempt under 45 CFR Part 46, the committee will evaluate: 1) the justification for the exemption, 2) human subjects involvement and characteristics, and 3) sources of materials. For additional information on review of the Human Subjects section, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Human Subjects \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11175\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11175).

#### Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Individuals Across the Lifespan

When the proposed project involves human subjects and/or NIH-defined clinical research, the committee will evaluate the proposed plans for the inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals on the basis of sex/gender, race, and ethnicity, as well as the inclusion (or exclusion) of individuals of all ages (including children and older adults) to determine if it is justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed. For additional information on review of the Inclusion section, please refer to the [Guidelines for the Review of Inclusion in Clinical Research \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11174\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11174).

#### Vertebrate Animals

The committee will evaluate the involvement of live vertebrate animals as part of the scientific assessment according to the following criteria: (1) description of proposed procedures involving animals, including species, strains, ages, sex, and total number to be used; (2) justifications for the use of animals versus alternative models and for the appropriateness of the species proposed; (3) interventions to minimize discomfort, distress, pain and injury; and (4) justification for euthanasia method if NOT consistent with the AVMA Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals. Reviewers will assess the use of chimpanzees as they would any other application proposing the use of vertebrate animals. For additional information on review of the Vertebrate Animals section, please refer to the [Worksheet for Review of the Vertebrate Animals Section \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri\\_redirect.htm?id=11150\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/uri_redirect.htm?id=11150).

#### Biohazards

Reviewers will assess whether materials or procedures proposed are potentially hazardous to research personnel and/or the environment, and if needed, determine whether adequate protection is proposed.

#### Resubmissions

Not Applicable

#### Renewals

Not Applicable

#### Revisions

Not Applicable

### Additional Review Considerations

As applicable for the project proposed, reviewers will consider each of the following items, but will not give scores for these items, and should not consider them in providing an overall impact score.

#### Applications from Foreign Organizations

Reviewers will assess whether the project presents special opportunities for furthering research programs through the use of unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions that exist in other countries and either are not readily available in the United States or augment existing U.S. resources.

#### Select Agent Research

Reviewers will assess the information provided in this section of the application, including 1) the Select Agent(s) to be used in the proposed research, 2) the registration status of all entities where Select Agent(s) will be used, 3) the procedures that will be used to monitor possession use and transfer of Select Agent(s), and 4) plans for appropriate biosafety, biocontainment, and security of the Select Agent(s).

## Resource Sharing Plans

Reviewers will comment on whether the Resource Sharing Plan(s) (i.e., [Sharing Model Organisms \(https://sharing.nih.gov/other-sharing-policies/model-organism-sharing-policy#policy-overview\)](https://sharing.nih.gov/other-sharing-policies/model-organism-sharing-policy#policy-overview)) or the rationale for not sharing the resources, is reasonable.

## Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources:

For projects involving key biological and/or chemical resources, reviewers will comment on the brief plans proposed for identifying and ensuring the validity of those resources.

## Budget and Period of Support

Reviewers will consider whether the budget and the requested period of support are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed research.

## 2. Review and Selection Process

Applications will be evaluated for scientific and technical merit by (an) appropriate Scientific Review Group(s) convened by the Center for Scientific Review, in accordance with [NIH peer review policy and procedures \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11154\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11154), using the stated [review criteria \(file:///C:/Users/mckenziene/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/NetCache/Content.Outlook/13V4QPZR/Research%20Draft.doc# 1. Criteria\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123). Assignment to a Scientific Review Group will be shown in the eRA Commons.

As part of the scientific peer review, all applications will receive a written critique.

Applications may undergo a selection process in which only those applications deemed to have the highest scientific and technical merit (generally the top half of applications under review) will be discussed and assigned an overall impact score.

Applications will be assigned on the basis of established PHS referral guidelines to the appropriate NIH Institute or Center. Applications will compete for available funds with all other recommended applications submitted in response to this FOA. Following initial peer review, recommended applications will receive a second level of review by the appropriate national Advisory Council or Board. The following will be considered in making funding decisions:

- Scientific and technical merit of the proposed project as determined by scientific peer review.
- Availability of funds.
- Relevance of the proposed project to program priorities.

## 3. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

After the peer review of the application is completed, the PD/PI will be able to access his or her Summary Statement (written critique) via the [eRA Commons \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11123). Refer to Part 1 for dates for peer review, advisory council review, and earliest start date.

Information regarding the disposition of applications is available in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120).

# Section VI. Award Administration Information

## 1. Award Notices

If the application is under consideration for funding, NIH will request "just-in-time" information from the applicant as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_2/2.5.1\\_just-in-time\\_procedures.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_2/2.5.1_just-in-time_procedures.htm).

A formal notification in the form of a Notice of Award (NoA) will be provided to the applicant organization for successful applications. The NoA signed by the grants management officer is the authorizing document and will be sent via email to the recipient's business official.

Recipients must comply with any funding restrictions described in Section IV.5. Funding Restrictions. Selection of an application for award is not an authorization to begin performance. Any costs incurred before receipt of the NoA are at the recipient's risk. These costs may be reimbursed only to the extent considered allowable pre-award costs.

Any application awarded in response to this NOFO will be subject to terms and conditions found on the [Award Conditions and Information for NIH Grants \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/part\\_ii\\_subpart\\_b.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/part_ii_subpart_b.htm) website. This includes any recent legislation and policy applicable to awards that is highlighted on this website.

Institutional Review Board or Independent Ethics Committee Approval: Recipient institutions must ensure that protocols are reviewed by their IRB or IEC. To help ensure the safety of participants enrolled in NIH-funded studies, the recipient must provide NIH copies of documents related to all major changes in the status of ongoing protocols.

## 2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

All NIH grant and cooperative agreement awards include the [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11120) as part of the NoA. For these terms of award, see the [NIH Grants Policy Statement Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart A: General \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11157\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11157) and [Part II: Terms and Conditions of NIH Grant Awards, Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Recipients, and Activities \(//grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11159\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/redirect.htm?id=11159), including of note, but not limited to:

- [Federal wide Research Terms and Conditions \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_3/3.1\\_federalwide\\_standard\\_terms\\_and\\_conditions\\_for\\_research\\_grants.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_3/3.1_federalwide_standard_terms_and_conditions_for_research_grants.htm)
- [Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-041.html\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-041.html)
- [Acknowledgment of Federal Funding \(https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_4/4.2.1\\_acknowledgement\\_of\\_federal\\_funding.htm\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.2.1_acknowledgement_of_federal_funding.htm)

If a recipient is successful and receives a Notice of Award, in accepting the award, the recipient agrees that any activities under the award are subject to all provisions currently in effect or implemented during the period of the award, other Department regulations and policies in effect at the time of the award, and applicable statutory provisions.

Should the applicant organization successfully compete for an award, recipients of federal financial assistance (FFA) from HHS will be required to complete an HHS Assurance of Compliance form (HHS 690) in which the recipient agrees, as a condition of receiving the grant, to administer programs in compliance with federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex and disability, and agreeing to comply with federal conscience laws, where applicable. This includes ensuring that entities take meaningful steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency; and ensuring effective communication with persons with disabilities. Where applicable, Title XI and Section 1557 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and gender identity. The HHS Office for Civil Rights provides guidance on complying with civil rights laws enforced by HHS. See <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/provider-obligations/index.html> (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hhs.gov%2Fcivil-rights%2Ffor-providers%2Fprovider-obligations%2Findex.html&data=05%7C01%7Ccarrie.mitchell%40nih.gov%7Ce8bc304bfd644bb556e08dac343ad36%7C14b77578977342d58507251ca2dc2b06%7C0%7C0%7C>) and <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/nondiscrimination/index.html> (<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hhs.gov%2Fcivil-rights%2Ffor-individuals%2Fnondiscrimination%2Findex.html&data=05%7C01%7Ccarrie.mitchell%40nih.gov%7Ce8bc304bfd644bb556e08dac343ad36%7C14b77578977342d58507251ca2dc2b06%7C0%7C0%7C>).

HHS recognizes that research projects are often limited in scope for many reasons that are nondiscriminatory, such as the principal investigator's scientific interest, funding limitations, recruitment requirements, and other considerations. Thus, criteria in research protocols that target or exclude certain populations are warranted where nondiscriminatory justifications establish that such criteria are appropriate with respect to the health or safety of the subjects, the scientific study design, or the purpose of the

research. For additional guidance regarding how the provisions apply to NIH grant programs, please contact the Scientific/Research Contact that is identified in Section VII under Agency Contacts of this NOFO.

- For guidance on meeting the legal obligation to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs or activities by limited English proficient individuals see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/limited-english-proficiency/fact-sheet-guidance/index.html>) and <https://www.lep.gov> (<https://www.lep.gov>).
- For information on an institution's specific legal obligations for serving qualified individuals with disabilities, including providing program access, reasonable modifications, and to provide effective communication, see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/disability/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/disability/index.html>).
- HHS funded health and education programs must be administered in an environment free of sexual harassment, see <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/sex-discrimination/index.html>). For information about NIH's commitment to supporting a safe and respectful work environment, who to contact with questions or concerns, and what NIH's expectations are for institutions and the individuals supported on NIH-funded awards, please see <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/harassment.htm> (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/harassment.htm>).
- For guidance on administering programs in compliance with applicable federal religious nondiscrimination laws and applicable federal conscience protection and associated anti-discrimination laws see <https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/conscience-protections/index.html>) and <https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/conscience/religious-freedom/index.html>).

Please contact the HHS Office for Civil Rights for more information about obligations and prohibitions under federal civil rights laws at <https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/about-us/contact-us/index.html> (<https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/about-us/contact-us/index.html>) or call 1-800-368-1019 or TDD 1-800-537-7697.

In accordance with the statutory provisions contained in Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417), NIH awards will be subject to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) requirements. FAPIS requires Federal award making officials to review and consider information about an applicant in the designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIS) prior to making an award. An applicant, at its option, may review information in the designated integrity and performance systems accessible through FAPIS and comment on any information about itself that a federal agency previously entered and is currently in FAPIS. The Federal awarding agency will consider any comments by the applicant, in addition to other information in FAPIS, in making a judgement about the applicant's integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards when completing the review of risk posed by applicants as described in 45 CFR Part 75.205 and 2 CFR Part 200.206 "Federal awarding agency review of risk posed by applicants." This provision will apply to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements except fellowships."

### Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions of Award

Not Applicable

### 3. Data Management and Sharing

Note: The NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing is effective for due dates on or after January 25, 2023.

Consistent with the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing, when data management and sharing is applicable to the award, recipients will be required to adhere to the Data Management and Sharing requirements as outlined in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.2.3_sharing_research_resources.htm#Data) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_8/8.2.3\\_sharing\\_research\\_resources.htm#Data](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.2.3_sharing_research_resources.htm#Data)). Upon the approval of a Data Management and Sharing Plan, it is required for recipients to implement the plan as described.

### 4. Reporting

When multiple years are involved, recipients will be required to submit the [Research Performance Progress Report \(RPPR\)](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm) (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm>) annually and financial statements as required in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.4.1_reporting.htm). ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_8/8.4.1\\_reporting.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.4.1_reporting.htm))

A final RPPR, invention statement, and the expenditure data portion of the Federal Financial Report are required for closeout of an award, as described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.6_closeout.htm) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_8/8.6\\_closeout.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_8/8.6_closeout.htm)). NIH NOFOs outline intended research goals and objectives. Post award, NIH will review and measure performance based on the details and outcomes that are shared within the RPPR, as described at 45 CFR Part 75.301 and 2 CFR Part 200.301.

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act), includes a requirement for recipients of Federal grants to report information about first-tier subawards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY2011 or later. All recipients of applicable NIH grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) available at [www.fsrs.gov](http://www.fsrs.gov) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url\\_redirect.htm?id=11170](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11170)) on all subawards over \$25,000. See the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.1.8_federal_funding_accountability_and_transparency_act_ffata.htm) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section\\_4/4.1.8\\_federal\\_funding\\_accountability\\_and\\_transparency\\_act\\_ffata.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/HTML5/section_4/4.1.8_federal_funding_accountability_and_transparency_act_ffata.htm)) for additional information on this reporting requirement.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements provided at 45 CFR 75.113 and Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75, recipients that have currently active Federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of a Federal award, must report and maintain the currency of information reported in the System for Award Management (SAM) about civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in connection with the award or performance of a Federal award that reached final disposition within the most recent five-year period. The recipient must also make semiannual disclosures regarding such proceedings. Proceedings information will be made publicly available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIS). This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available. Full reporting requirements and procedures are found in Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75 – Award Term and Conditions for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

## Section VII. Agency Contacts

We encourage inquiries concerning this funding opportunity and welcome the opportunity to answer questions from potential applicants.

### Application Submission Contacts

eRA Service Desk (Questions regarding ASSIST, eRA Commons, application errors and warnings, documenting system problems that threaten submission by the due date, and post-submission issues)

Finding Help Online: <https://www.era.nih.gov/need-help> (<https://www.era.nih.gov/need-help>) (preferred method of contact)  
Telephone: 301-402-7469 or 866-504-9552 (Toll Free)

General Grants Information (Questions regarding application instructions, application processes, and NIH grant resources)  
Email: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov) (<mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov>) (preferred method of contact)  
Telephone: 301-637-3015

Grants.gov Customer Support (Questions regarding Grants.gov registration and Workspace)  
Contact Center Telephone: 800-518-4726  
Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov) (<mailto:support@grants.gov>)

### Scientific/Research Contact(s)

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#### Peer Review Contact(s)

Examine your eRA Commons account for review assignment and contact information (information appears two weeks after the submission due date).

#### Financial/Grants Management Contact(s)

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## Section VIII. Other Information

Recently issued trans-NIH policy notices ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url\\_redirect.htm?id=11163](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11163)) may affect your application submission. A full list of policy notices published by NIH is provided in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11164) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url\\_redirect.htm?id=11164](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11164)). All awards are subject to the terms and conditions, cost principles, and other considerations described in the [NIH Grants Policy Statement](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120) ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url\\_redirect.htm?id=11120](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/url_redirect.htm?id=11120)).

#### Authority and Regulations

Awards are made under the authorization of Sections 301 and 405 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 241 and 284) and under Federal Regulations 42 CFR Part 52 and 45 CFR Part 75 and 2 CFR Part 200.

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## ขั้นตอนการสมัครขอรับทุน National Institute of Health (NIH)

1. ผู้สมัครจะต้องแจ้งความประสงค์และนำส่งข้อมูลเข้ามายังกองบริหารงานวิจัย ภายในกำหนดเวลาแจ้งความประสงค์การจัดส่งข้อเสนอในหนังสือประชาสัมพันธ์ โดยนำส่งข้อมูลทางอีเมล [chittiporn.nua@mahidol.edu](mailto:chittiporn.nua@mahidol.edu) เพื่อขอเปิดบัญชี eRA commons และขอสร้างข้อเสนอโครงการในระบบออนไลน์ ASSIST ของแหล่งทุน NIH โดยแจ้งข้อมูลดังนี้

Name: Surname:

Email ([XXXX@mahidol.ac.th](mailto:XXXX@mahidol.ac.th) หรือ [XXXX@mahidol.edu](mailto:XXXX@mahidol.edu)):

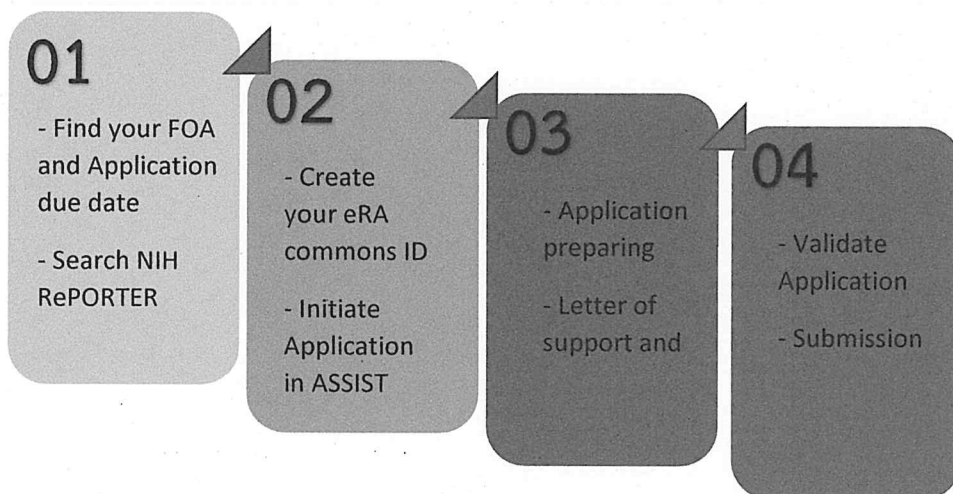
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2. ผู้สมัครขอรับทุนศึกษาประกาศทุน (Funding opportunity announcements หรือ FOA) อย่างละเอียด ตรวจสอบกำหนดการส่งข้อเสนอของมหาวิทยาลัย และสืบค้นข้อมูลที่เกี่ยวข้องกับงานวิจัยของตนเองผ่าน NIH RePORTER <https://reporter.nih.gov>
3. มหาวิทยาลัยสร้างบัญชี eRA commons และสร้างข้อเสนอโครงการในระบบ ASSIST ให้ผู้สมัครขอรับทุน ผู้ขอรับทุนจัดทำข้อเสนอโครงการและเอกสารที่เกี่ยวข้องตามข้อกำหนดของแหล่งทุนร่วมกับมหาวิทยาลัย
4. ผู้สมัครขอรับทุนนำส่งเอกสารข้อเสนอโครงการฉบับสมบูรณ์ผ่านหัวหน้าส่วนงานเพื่อขออนุมัติจัดส่งข้อเสนอโครงการผ่านระบบออนไลน์ ASSIST ตามกำหนดรับข้อเสนอของมหาวิทยาลัย\*\* กองบริหารงานวิจัยตรวจสอบข้อเสนอโครงการ เสนออนุมัตินำส่งข้อเสนอโครงการและจัดส่งข้อเสนอโครงการในนามของมหาวิทยาลัยไปยังแหล่งทุน

(\*หากผู้สมัครขอรับทุนนำส่งข้อเสนอโครงการให้กองบริหารงานวิจัยตรวจสอบล่าช้ากว่ากำหนดของมหาวิทยาลัย มหาวิทยาลัยขอสงวนสิทธิ์ในการรับข้อเสนอโครงการเพื่อนำส่งแหล่งทุนในรอบนั้นๆ)



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