

## Quick Guide to the 2019 Changes to NIH R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Program

R15	Pre January 7, 2019	Post January 7, 2019
<b>Activity Code &amp; Parent FOA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Single program, "NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)".</li> <li>○ PA-18-504.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "NIH Research Enhancement Award" comprised of two programs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● "Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)" for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions</li> <li>● "Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP)" for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ PAs listed at: <a href="#">NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts</a> .</li> </ul>
<b>Organization Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant organization must be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate or advanced degrees in biomedical or behavioral sciences.</li> <li>○ Applicant organization may not receive research support from NIH totaling more than \$6 million per year (direct + indirect costs) in each of 4 of the last 7 years.</li> <li>○ NIH maintains list of R15 ineligible institutions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicant institution must be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences.</li> <li>● At time of application submission, all the non-health professional components of the institution together have not received NIH support totaling more than \$6M/year (direct + indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 years.</li> <li>● Qualifying academic component (school, college, center, institute) within an institution (e.g. School of Arts and Sciences) has an undergraduate student enrollment that is greater than graduate student enrollment.</li> <li>● NIH no longer maintains R15 ineligibility list. At time of application submission, a signed letter is required from the Provost (or similar official) verifying applicant institution's eligibility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicant organization must be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate or advanced degrees in health professions or advanced degrees in biomedical and behavioral sciences.</li> <li>● Applicant organization may not receive research support from NIH totaling more than \$6M/year (direct + indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 years.</li> <li>● NIH no longer maintains R15 ineligibility list. At time of application submission, a signed letter is required from the Provost (or similar official) verifying applicant institution's eligibility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Principal Investigator Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PI must have a primary appointment at the R15-eligible institution.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ PI may not be awarded more than one R15 grant at a time.</li> <li>○ Eligibility applies only to PI and Multiple PIs, not to collaborators, consultants, or sub awardees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Application Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Project Period limited to 3 years.</li> <li>○ Entire budget, for all years of the award, must be requested in the first budget year.</li> <li>○ Direct costs are limited to \$300,000 over the entire project.</li> <li>○ Awards can be renewed by competing for an additional project period.</li> <li>○ Research team should include undergraduate and/or graduate students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No Change</li> </ul>
<b>Due Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Standard R15 receipt dates are February 25, June 25, and October 25. AIDS and AIDS-related grant application due dates are May 7, September 7, and January 7. Also see: <a href="#">NIH Grant Funding Submission Schedule</a> .</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No Change</li> </ul>

**Additional Guidance:**

[NOT-OD-19-015](#) - Notice of Changes to the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)/R15 Program.

[NIH Research Enhancement Award \(R15\)](#) – Overview of 2019 R15 Program changes.

[NIH RePORTER](#) – Searchable database of NIH funding to assist in determining institution/organization eligibility.

[NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts](#) – NIH funding opportunity search tool.