
NIH News to Know

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POLICY & COMPLIANCE

Policy Topics

Natural Disasters

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding](#)

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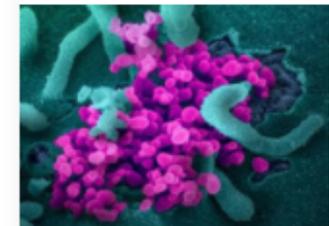
NIH Extramural Response to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies

In emergency situations, the NIH's immediate concern is for the health and safety of people and animals in the programs we oversee. We are also deeply concerned about the health of the biomedical enterprise in the affected area, and we are committed to working with researchers and institutions to do all that we can to ensure that NIH-funded research continues.

This website is intended to be a resource for the entire biomedical research community. Look here for NIH Guide Notices and other information of particular relevance to investigators and their institutions, links to web pages listing NIH's response to certain major events (past and present); and links to similar web sites from other Federal agencies.

Potential NIH Responses to Natural Disasters

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

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Potential NIH Responses to Natural Disasters

Assistance to the NIH community during natural disasters is handled on a case-by-case basis in a manner appropriate to the circumstances.

A primary concern of NIH applicants is how to handle when an institution is closed due to natural disaster or other emergency situation. In these cases it is not necessary to get permission in advance for delays in grant application submissions. Instead, applications submitted late must include a cover letter indicating the reasons for the delay. The delay should not exceed the time period that the applicant organization is closed. Although NIH will often issue a Guide Notice reminding applicants of this policy during times of major emergencies, this policy will also apply to emergencies of a more limited or local nature not discussed in a separate NIH Guide Notice.

For major disasters impacting many institutions, NIH will coordinate with other Federal agencies (such as HHS, FEMA and OMB), as well as with state, local, and institutional representatives, to develop any additional response. NIH will consider such issues as whether a Federal Disaster is declared; the severity of damage inflicted; the length of time an institution may be required to close or that is required for recovery; the impact on investigators, human research subjects, and animal subjects; and the overall impact on the community. A list of possible actions NIH may take are listed below. Please note that these steps are not automatic but will be announced as appropriate on this web page and in the [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#).

- Permitting the limited expenditure of award funds, in accordance with grantee policy, to continue paying salaries and fringe benefits to researchers under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances.
- Assisting with animal welfare issues.
- Waiving certain prior approval requirements.
- Providing extensions of time for financial and other reporting.
- Publishing opportunities for funded extensions and/or one-time administrative supplements to current awards targeted at institutions in particularly impacted areas.

RESOURCES

- [Additional Short-Term Administrative Relief to Institutions Impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria \(12/12/2017\)](#)
- [Hurricane Recovery Outreach Call Summary \(12/11/2017\)](#)
- [FAQs on the NIH Extramural Response to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies](#)
- [Application and Report Submission Flexibilities](#)



NIH Emergency Contact Information

- For advice and guidance from the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare regarding any animal evacuation, animal health, animal housing, IACUC activities, or occupational health and safety concerns please e-mail OLAW@od.nih.gov or call 301-496-7163.
- For assistance from NIH regarding any grant administration issues please e-mail GrantsPolicy@od.nih.gov or call the Division of Grants Policy at 301-435-0949.

NIH Responses to Recent Events

- [Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy – Hurricane Laura](#)
- [Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy – Hurricane Isaias, Derecho](#)
- [Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19 \(3/12/2020\)](#)
- [General Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19 \(3/10/2020\)](#)
- [NIH LATE APPLICATION POLICY Due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(3/10/2020\)](#)
- [Reminder - NIH Natural Disaster Policy - Hurricane Dorian \(9/11/2019\)](#)
- [Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy - Hurricane Michael \(10/22/2018\)](#)
- [Reminder - NIH Natural Disaster Policy - Hurricane Florence \(9/13/2018\)](#)
- [Additional Short-Term Administrative Relief to Institutions Impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria \(12/12/2017\)](#)
- [Hurricane Recovery Outreach Call Summary \(12/11/2017\)](#)
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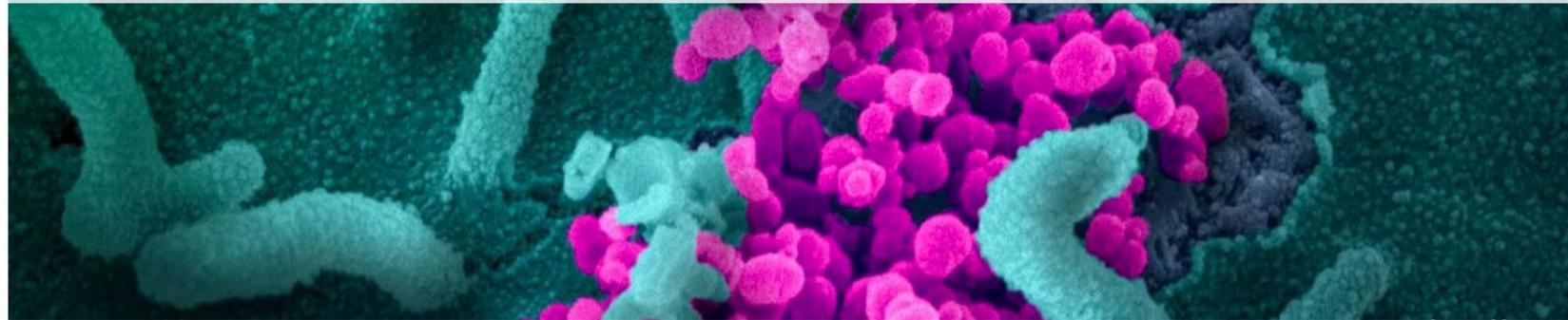
- [Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy - Hurricane Irma \(9/14/2017\)](#)

- [Notice of Assistance Available to Institutions Impacted by Hurricane Harvey \(9/11/2017\)](#)

- [Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy - Hurricane Harvey \(8/28/2017\)](#)

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Information for Applicants and Recipients



Stay Up
to Date

- This is a rapidly evolving situation
- NIH has standard application & grant policies & practices in [response to natural disasters](#)

Visit our page and check back often for updates!

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus.htm>

COVID-19 Research and NICHD

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, NICHD has worked to understand the effects of the virus among populations central to the NICHD mission, including pregnant and postpartum women, children and adolescents, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and people with physical disabilities or mobility impairments.

The institute has generated research proposals and projects; collaborated with other NIH institutes, centers, and offices (ICOs) and federal agencies; and initiated studies to help build a research base on SARS-CoV-2 virus.

NICHD also continues to advocate for the inclusion of its key populations in major trans-NIH programs, including the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative, the Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) Initiative, and other projects.

For more on NICHD's response to COVID-19, read the Director's Corner blog post, [Responding to COVID-19](#).

If you are looking for information about COVID-19 symptoms, diagnoses, and treatments, visit <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>.

Terms to know:

- **COVID-19:** coronavirus disease
- **SARS-CoV-2:** severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; the virus that causes COVID-19
- **MIS-C:** multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children; a condition that may result from previous exposure to SARS-CoV-2

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NICHD News and Features

[Release: NIH-funded study to evaluate drugs prescribed to children with COVID-19](#)

[Release: NIH-funded project seeks to identify children at risk for MIS-C](#)

[Media Advisory: NIH-funded study to investigate pregnancy outcomes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)



NIH Newsworthy Ongoing Projects (Selected)

- NIH BRAIN Initiative (<https://braininitiative.nih.gov/>)
- NIH Neuroscience Blueprint Infant & Toddler Toolbox
 - 5 yr. Contract awarded Sept 2019 to Northwestern University (PI: R. Gershon)
 - 1-42 months old, normed assessment of cognition, language, socioemotional, and self-regulation development via a new iPad app
 - Measurements of assessed areas correspond to 3 -85 yrs. NIH Toolbox assessments
- NIH Neuroscience Blueprint Toolbox
 - Contract awarded to move existing NIH Toolbox to “cellphone mobile ” platform

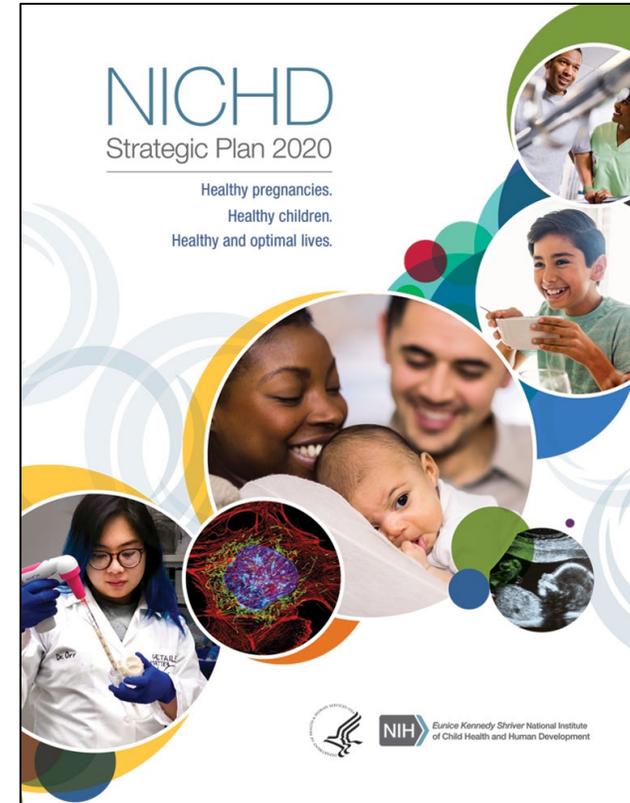


NIH News (Selected)

- NIH Updated Application Forms F ([NOT-OD-20-026](#))
 - NIH requires the use of application packages with a Competition ID of ‘FORMS-F’ for due dates **on or after May 25, 2020** . Applications prepared using “FORMS-E” application packages for due dates on or after May 25, 2020 will not be reviewed.
 - [Grants Administration Take 10: NIH FORMS-F Application Forms Update VIDEO](#)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxwua8Uy84A>)
- NICHD 2020 Strategic Plan
 - https://www.nichd.nih.gov/sites/default/files/2019-09/NICHD_Strategic_Plan.pdf
- NICHD new Mission Statement
 - <https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/nih-almanac/eunice-kennedy-shriver-national-institute-child-health-human-development-nichd>

NICHD Strategic Plan: Overview

- Guides NICHD's research activities for the next 5 years
- Supports NICHD's new mission and vision statements
- Addresses 5 broad research themes and cross-cutting topics, such as global health
- Lays out NICHD research goals and objectives as well as aspirational goals to drive future activities
- Reaffirms NICHD's commitment to research aimed at improving the health and well-being of women, children, and people with disabilities
- Available at:
<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/strategicplan>.



NICHD Strategic Plan: Revised Mission and Vision Statements

- **Mission** : NICHD leads research and training to understand human development, improve reproductive health, enhance the lives of children and adolescents, and optimize abilities for all.
- **Vision:** Healthy pregnancies. Healthy children. Healthy and optimal lives.



Selected New Funding Opportunities

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Title	FOA/Notice Number	Release Date	Activity Code
Notice of Special Interest: Small Grants for Secondary Analyses of Existing Data Sets and Stored Biospecimens	NOT-HD-20-022	Oct 1, 2020	R03
Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) Research on Rehabilitation Needs Associated with the COVID Pandemic	-19 NOT-HD-20-031	Sep 29, 2020	R01, R03, R21
Notice of Special Interest: Innovative Technologies to Improve Assessments, Interventions, and Outcomes for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (R43/R44)	NOT-HD-20-025	Sep 11, 2020	R43/R44
Notice of Special Interest: Optimizing Precision Treatment of Gynecologic, Reproductive and Obstetrical Outcomes in Adolescents and Adults with PCOS and Associated Comorbid Conditions (Clinical Trial Optional)	NOT-HD-20-026	Sep 1, 2020	R01, R03
Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	NOT-DK-20-035	Jul 13, 2020	R01

Selected New Funding Opportunities

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Title	FOA/Notice Number	Release Date	Activity Code
BRAIN Initiative Fellows: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)	RFA-MH-20-620	Sep 25, 2020	F32
BRAIN Initiative: Pilot resources for brain cell type specific access and manipulation across vertebrate species (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	RFA-MH-20-556	Sep 17, 2020	U01
Notice of Special Interest: Innovative Technologies to Improve Assessments, Interventions, and Outcomes for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (R43/R44)	NOT-HD-20-025	Sep 11, 2020	R43/R44
Notice of Change to the Eligibility of Principal Investigators in PAR -20-042 : NCMRR Early Career Research Award (R03 Clinical Trial Optional	NOT-HD-20-030	Sep 2, 2020	N/A
NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research: Functional Neural Circuits of Interoception (R01, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)	RFA-AT-21-003	Sep 2, 2020	R01



New Job Opportunities at NIH (p1)

All Federal Hiring goes through USAjobs.gov

- Begin by creating your online profile at USAjobs.gov
- Prepare and upload your resume (CV) in the USAjobs.gov format
- Set your job alert parameters (locale, minimum and target GS-levels, etc.)
- Job announcements are typically on the street for a very short time (~1 week) so be ready to quickly respond to a desirable announcement
- Talk to a current Program Director to learn the computer triage tips & hurdles *before* starting your application



New Job Opportunities at NIH (p2)

NICHD Child Development & Behavior Branch has 2 Program Director Positions (doctorally prepared level positions) open:

- [Cognitive Development, Behavioral Neuroscience, and Psychobiology Research Program](#)

develop a portfolio of interdisciplinary research on typical and atypical early neurodevelopment that capitalizes on technological advances in neuroimaging, neuro-genomics, and neuro-assessment to examine interrelated developmental changes in brain structure and function, gene regulation and expression, and complex behavior and cognition, in both human and comparative neurobiology studies.

- [Language, Bilingualism, and Biliteracy Research Program](#)

deep knowledge of research in developmental psychology, linguistics, and cognitive neuroscience—especially in pediatric populations—to develop and maintain a research portfolio that supports and encourages research on the neurodevelopmental, social and environmental factors that impair or enhance the developmental trajectories supporting bilingual development in the home and community settings

Reach out to us!

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