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Funding for Research on COVID-19 and Information for NIH Applicants re: Impact of COVID-19 on Grants and Submissions

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

INTERNAL

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE, INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (UMB ICTR)
Special Call for COVID-19 ICTR Voucher Applications
UMB ICTR Announces Special call for Rolling Voucher Applications related to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 Clinical & Translational Research. Up to $10,000 will be awarded to help defray the costs of UMB Cores of Service.
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
You can access the application and find out more information regarding this funding opportunity by visiting:
https://www.umaryland.edu/ictr/funding/voucher-program---covid-19/

FEDERAL

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)
Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding during COVID-19 Pandemic (including Funding Opportunities Specific to COVID-19):
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm

NIH News, Videos and Blogs related to COVID-19 impact:
https://grants.nih.gov/news/news.htm

To Subscribe to the NIH Guide LISTSERV to receive notices:
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
Rapid Response Research (RAPID):
https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20052/nsf20052.pdf
Due: follow application type

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)
Information for CDC Applicants and Recipients of CDC Funding
https://www.cdc.gov/grants/public-health-emergencies/covid-19/index.html

NON-FEDERAL

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION
COVID-19 and Emerging Respiratory Viruses Research Award
There is an urgent need to better understand the pathobiology and both long term and immediate clinical implications of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2) viral infection that leads to the morbidity and mortality seen with COVID-19, as well as increase knowledge about the potential emerging threat of other novel respiratory viruses. ALA is looking for proposals to advance research against emerging respiratory pathogens like SARS-CoV-2
Deadline to submit LOI is Thursday, September 23, 2021
2022-23-ALA-COVID-19-and-Emerging-Respiratory-Viruses-Research-Award-App-Guide.pdf

23ANDME
COVID-19 Study
Purpose: To uncover genetic risks associated with severe outcomes of infections by SARS-CoV-2.
Note: Soliciting participation in a collaborative study. Contact information provided for investigators who would like to partner with 23andMe.
Deadline: open
https://research.23andme.com/covid19/

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION
Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health
Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health seeks proposals that are primed to influence health equity in the future. We are interested in ideas that address any of these four areas of focus: Future of Evidence; Future of Social Interaction; Future of Food; Future of Work. Additionally, we welcome ideas that might fall outside of these four focus areas, but which offer unique approaches to advancing health equity and our progress toward a Culture of Health.

https://www.rwjf.org/content/rwjf/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-2020-exploring-the-future-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html?rid=0032S000028Q1zcQAC&et_cid=2046081
Proposals will be accepted throughout the year on a rolling admission.

BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM

Investigator Initiated Studies (IIS) – Established Products
Funding s**upports clinical and non-clinical investigations involving COVID-19 related matters including** safety, clinical outcomes, antiviral effects, or antithrombotic benefits. Applicants must be U.S. academic or community- based scientists individually or through consortia.
Deadline: open
https://lectrona.boehringer-ingelheim.com/us/external-research-grants/investigator-initiated-studies-iis

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

Tech for Healthcare
Purpose: To support research in many applications of technology for healthcare applications.
Deadline: Open
https://research.cisco.com/research-grants/RFP-21-04

EXTREME SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DISCOVERY ENVIRONMENT

XSEDE: COVID-19 HPC Consortium
Purpose**:** To empower researchers around the world to accelerate understanding of the COVID-19 virus and the development of treatments and vaccines to help address infections.
Deadline: Open
https://www.xsede.org/covid19-hpc-consortium

PFIZER

COVID-19 Vaccine Grants – General Research
Purpose: To support studies that evaluate the burden of COVID-19 and measure the impact of the vaccine among specific populations.
Deadline**:** Open
https://www.pfizer.com/purpose/independent-grants/covid-19-vaccine

WEBSITES LISTING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFIC TO COVID-19

EDGE FOR SCHOLARS: https://edgeforscholars.org/covid-19-funding-updates/

INFOED GLOBAL https://www.infoedglobal.com/COVID19/COVID-19.html

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND: https://umd.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1809933

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY:
https://hub.jhu.edu/novel-coronavirus-information/research-preparedness/research-preparedness-covid-19-funding-opportunities/

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY:
https://research.vanderbilt.edu/federal-funding-for-covid-19-research/

STANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE:
https://med.stanford.edu/rmg/resources/covid19.html

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN:
https://research.umich.edu/covid-19/covid-19-funding-opportunities

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA:
https://research.unc.edu/research-development/finding-funding/covid-19/

PENN STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE: https://pennstatehealthnews.org/topics/covid-19-research-funding/

STONY BROOK RESEARCH: https://research.stonybrook.edu/Funding_COVID-19

NIH INFORMATION REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON NIH GRANT SUBMISSION AND FUNDED APPLICATIONS:

NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for US for 2019 Novel Coronavirus
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-082.html

General Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)- Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-083.html

Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-086.html

Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-087.html

Update: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for US for 2019 Novel Coronavirus
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-091.html

FAQs: COVID-19 Flexibilities for Applicants and Recipients
https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm

1. Can I request an extension for a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) fellowship award?
Yes. Recipients may submit extension requests to the funding IC for consideration when the effects of COVID-19 have altered the planned course of the research training. Extension requests must include a description of how COVID-19 affected the fellowship award, and clearly outline how much additional time is needed. All such requests must be signed by the fellow, the Authorized Organization Representative, and the fellowship sponsor.

2. **May National Research Service Award (NRSA) trainees and fellows, who receive stipends rather than salaries, continue to receive stipend payments if they are unable to work as a result of COVID-19?**
Yes, stipend payments may continue to be charged to NIH NRSA grants affected by COVID-19. Recipients should notify the Grants Management Specialist named in the notice of award and provide documentation demonstrating the effect of COVID-19, and how long the institution will be affected.

3. Will University closings due to COVID 19 be allowed as a reason for ESI end date extensions?
Yes, investigators that have been affected by COVID-19 (e.g. university closure) may submit requests for an extension of ESI status through eRA Commons via the ESI Extension request button in the Education section of their Personal Profile. Refer to 4/1/2020 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) | grants.nih.gov
https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm?anchor=question55854 18/19
the ESI FAQs and eRA Online Help for more information on how to request an extension of ESI status.

4. Our institution's Office of Sponsored programs has been mandated to work from home and they are not able to send in the original signed Payback forms. How should we provide NIH the forms?

There is no need to submit these forms at this time. NIH will allow for delayed submission of NRSA Payback Agreements due to COVID-19. Recipients should notify the funding IC of the delay and submit the form as soon as feasible.

5. Can I request an extension for a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) and/or fellowship award?

Yes. Recipients may submit extension requests to the funding IC for consideration when the effects of COVID-19 have altered the planned course of the research training/activities. Extension requests must include a description of how COVID-19 affected the NRSA and/or fellowship award, and clearly outline how much additional time is needed. All such requests must be signed by the fellow, the Authorized Organization and the fellowship sponsor.

6. For awards with an effort level requirement (e.g., Career Development Awards), can PI effort be temporarily reduced below program effort requirements due to the impact of COVID-19?

Yes, recipients can contact the funding IC to request reductions in effort due to COVID-19, which may go below the required effort levels for the grant.

7. Can a K99 applicant apply for an extension of the 4-year eligibility window (for initial applications or resubmissions) due to COVID-19?

Yes, K99 applicants can request an extension to their K99 eligibility window due to the effects of COVID-19 on their research productivity. Affected applicants should consult with the funding IC for further guidance.

FUNDING SOURCE CONSULTATION SERVICE

Stacie Mendoza, *Program Director for Research Career Development*, assists junior faculty and postdocs with identifying sources of funding for their research including how to navigate the NIH funding database. To schedule a funding consultation, complete a **Funding Search Request Form** online at
https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/career/Grant-Funding-Consultation-Service/
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