## Department of Health and Human Services

### Part 1. Overview Information

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<th>Participating Organization(s)</th>
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| **Components of Participating Organizations** | National Cancer Institute (NCI)  
National Eye Institute (NEI)  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)  
National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)  
National Institute on Aging (NIA)  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)  
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)  
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)  
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)  
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NICDC)  
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)  
National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)  
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)  
National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)  
National Library of Medicine (NLM)  
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)  
Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP) |
| **Funding Opportunity Title** | Academic Research Enhancement Award (Parent R15) |
| **Activity Code** | R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) |
| **Announcement Type** | Reissue of PA-12-006 |
| **Related Notices** | None |
| **Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number** | PA-13-313 |
| **Companion Funding Opportunity** | None |
| **Number of Applications** | See Section III, 3. Additional Information on Eligibility. |
| **Catalog of Federal Domestic** | 93.361; 93.233; 93.839; 93.838; 93.837; 93.865; 93.113; 93.273; 93.286; 93.859; 93.173; 93.868; 93.351; 93.853; 93.856; 93.855; 93.847; 93.121; |
The AREA program supports small-scale research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds.

**Goals of the Program**
- Support meritorious research
- Expose students to research
- Strengthen the research environment of the institution

**Key Elements**
- Project period is limited to 3 years.
- Direct costs are limited to $300,000 over the entire project period.
- Grants are renewable.
- Preliminary data are not required.

### Program Announcement

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### Institutional Eligibility

- Only domestic institutions of higher education are eligible.
- The institution must offer baccalaureate or advanced degrees in the health-related sciences.
- The institution may not receive more than $6 million per year in NIH support in each of the 4 of the last 7 years. Please view the AREA Program Ineligible Institutions website for more information.

### Principal Investigator Eligibility

- The PI must have a primary faculty appointment at an AREA-eligible institution.
- The PI may not be the PI of an active NIH research grant at the time of an AREA award.
- The PI may not be awarded more than one AREA grant at a time.

### Developing Your AREA Application

In addition to the steps you would take to prepare any NIH research grant application, you should consider the following tips when developing and preparing your AREA grant application.

- Find the NIH Institute or center (IC) that supports your area of research via the NIH AREA Grant Research Objectives website.
- Contact the AREA representative from relevant ICs to inquire about their interest in supporting your research project, as well as the ICs funding plans for the AREA program for the fiscal year in which you will be applying.
- Be aware of the unique application submission requirements and review criteria for AREA grants that allow reviewers to assess how each application addresses the goals of the AREA program.
- Remember that this is a research award, not a training or fellowship award. The application should include plans to expose students to hands-on research but it should not include didactic or training plans.
- Request your entire budget in the first year of the award. Because AREA grants are multi-year funded (MYF) awards, the entire budget, for all years of the award, must be requested in the first budget year. If the direct costs for all years of the award are $250,000 or less, you should complete the PHS398 Modular Budget form. If the direct costs for all years of the award are over $250,000, you should complete the Research and Related Budget form. For more information, please see the "R&R or Modular Budget Component" section of the AREA program announcement.

### Notes

For scientific and funding-related questions, contact the relevant NIH IC AREA Contact.

For general AREA program and policy-related questions, email R15@nih.gov.

For questions regarding application instructions, contact GrantsInfo.

For questions regarding eRA Commons registration, tracking application status, and post-submission issues, contact eRA Commons.

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