

Principal Investigator Search for Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)

Department Policy/Procedures

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Purpose

To provide Principal Investigators with information and guidance to find funding opportunity announcements with National Institutes of Health and other federal sponsors for the purpose of applying for research grant awards.

Population Covered

All Principal Investigators associated with Swedish Health Services intending to submit research proposals to NIH or other federal agencies.

Responsible Persons

Principal Investigators

Definitions

Funding Opportunity Number: Also known as Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). This number is referenced in every announcement. It may also be called a Program Announcement (PA) Request for Application (RFA) or Funding Number.

Close date: The final date after which no further applications under this announcement will be accepted. In order to succeed in your grants submission, your application must be received by SRC no less than three weeks (15 business days) prior to this date.

SRC: Swedish Research Center

Supplemental Information

Umbrella announcements (called parent announcements) have been developed to attract investigators who previously submitted unsolicited applications. These umbrella solicitations can be identified by the word 'parent' in the FOA title. A list of Parent announcements can be found at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm

Content

Opportunities for grants will now be announced through specific FOAs posted in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts and on Grants.gov under “Find Grant Opportunities” (a.k.a. “Find”) and “Apply for Grants” (a.k.a. “Apply”).

Grant applications will now be submitted directly to Grants.gov utilizing the new SF424 application.

While all FOAs are posted in Grants.gov, not all announcements require electronic submission via Grants.gov at this time. FOAs posted in Grants.gov “Apply” reflect those which the agency is prepared to receive through electronic Grants.gov submission. Applicants are encouraged to read each FOA carefully for specific guidance on the use of Grants.gov submission.

Steps

1. The most direct method for searching for FOAs is to begin at the Grants.gov home page.

To the right there is a “Quick Links” section where you can select “Grant Search.” This will bring you to the “Basic Search” area where you can search for FOAs using one of three field choices, Keyword Search, Search by Funding Opportunity, and Search by CFDA Number. Note: at this location you can also click “Search Tips” for helpful search strategies and “Help” button to get help with the Search screen.

At this location you can expand your search by clicking to the left under “Applicants” section, “Search Opportunities” where you can select “Browse by Category,” “Browse by Agency,” or conduct an “Advanced Search.” The search results will be in table format providing the Close Date, Opportunity Title, Agency, and Funding Number.

Once you find an opportunity for which you wish to apply, you may initiate the application download process immediately by selecting the “Apply for Grant Electronically” link that appears on the FOA synopsis page. See “PI Download of SF424 Application” policy for expanded information. You may elect to initiate the application download at a later time. In this case, you should record the Funding Opportunity number or CFDA number and enter it manually later on the [Download Application Packages](#) screen in the [Grants.gov/Apply](#) section of this site.

2. You can search for FOAs at NIH Grants Office of Extramural Research (OER) home page <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>, selecting “Funding Opportunities.”

FOAs in the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts* that reference electronic submission via Grants.gov now include a link from the FOA directly to the Grants.gov site where you can download the specific application package. The “Apply for Grants Electronically” button is found in the *NIH Guide* FOA directly under the announcement number. **This link is only provided in those announcements involving electronic submission through Grants.gov.**

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References

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Manual

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Additional Computer Search Words/Terms

N/A

Addendum (Addenda, if plural)

N/A