

The NINDS Research Program Award (R35)

Overview

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NINDS Research Program Award (R35)

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What is the R35?

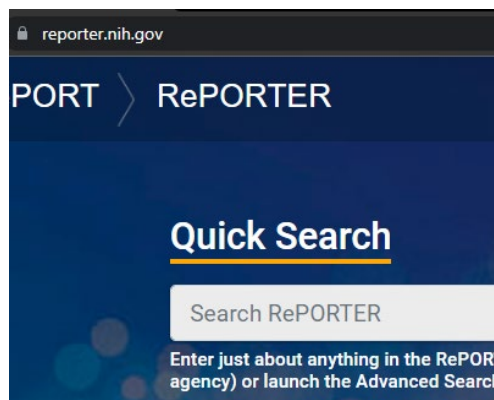
The R35 is a unique program for NINDS that:

- Helps investigators make meaningful contributions to neuroscience by providing greater **funding stability, flexibility**, and **support** for overall research projects, without the constraint of specific aims.
- It is intended to support most of your NINDS mission-relevant research by providing stable funding for up to **eight years**
- Your budget will be **commensurate with your 4-year NINDS funding average**. The R35 is awarded from \$350,000, to \$750,000 DC per year

Eligibility Criteria

Do you currently...

- Conduct research within the mission of NINDS?
- Have at least **one** of the following types of active NINDS grants within each of the past 5 consecutive years (FY19-23) at the time of submission: R00, R01, RF1, R37, R56, DP1, DP2. Active R35 in year 7 or 8.
- One of those years can be in No Cost Extension (NCE)



[More details on this @1pm EST](#)

Who Should Apply?

- NINDS is committed to supporting investigators across a **broad spectrum of career stages** and **lab sizes**.
- We place significant value on high-quality **mentorship** and **inclusive training environments**
- We encourage **eligible women and individuals from diverse backgrounds to apply**.
- Investigators should determine if this research program is the best fit for their research goals

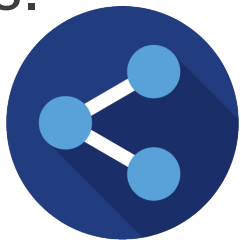
Requires a Minimum 50% effort for the duration of the award

What if I am a current R35 Awardee?

- Current R35 recipients can submit a new R35 application in years 7-8 of your active R35 award
- You can submit other overlapping grants during this period.
- You will have to choose between either the new R35 or other NINDS grants if they all receive fundable scores.

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- The requested R35 budget must be commensurate with your recent level of NINDS support.
- Submitting a budget table is encouraged!
- You can calculate your level of support by using your average direct cost total for the 4 consecutive years out of the five most recent fiscal years (i.e., 2019 – 2022 or 2020 – 2023, whichever is greater) of NINDS eligible awards.

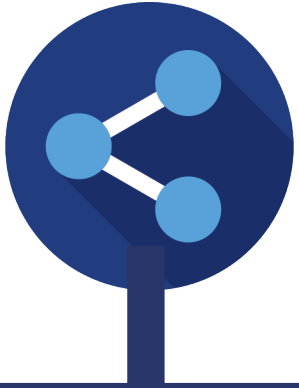


Visit bit.ly/R35_FAQ to find a **template** and **more details** for calculating your RPA budget.

Benefits of the R35

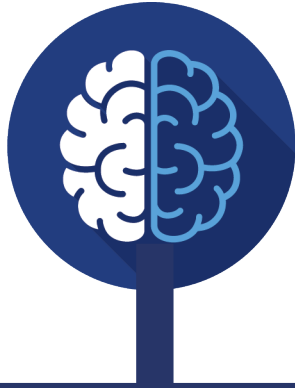
Funding

Provides **stable funding** of \$350k min. to \$750k max. per year for up to **eight years**



High Reward Research

Allows you to conduct **long-term, rewarding research** that is not tied to specific aims



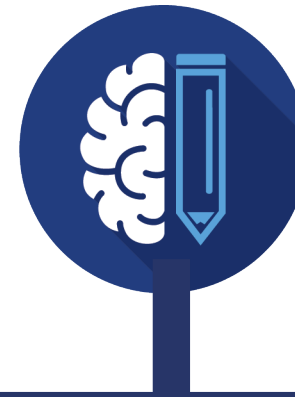
Without Specific Aims

Provides you the **flexibility to pivot** as needed to emerging and timely topics



Freeing Up Time

Supports your research by **freeing up time** you would otherwise spend applying to multiple grants





Review



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R35 Review

R35 Review is different from standard R01 NIH Peer Review

- In R01 review, the 'Approach' criteria is score-driving
- The R35 review is more heavily weighted on the track record of the PI and potential future impact of the ongoing research

R35 Review

Six Page Research Plan

- *Description of the overall vision, conceptual framework and planned strategies for advancing and sustaining the proposed research program for the next eight years*
- A detailed experimental plan is not expected
- Preliminary data are not required

Reviewers are asked to assess whether the research program is likely to further impact the field

R35 Review

Important information for the review (*follow the RFA Section IV (pp. 10-15)*)

Other Project Information to provide:

- Bibliography from the past 5 years
- Mentoring, Service, and Inclusion (3-page max)
- Clinical trial synopsis (for mechanistic or BESH clinical trial; 6-pages max; other types of clinical trials are NOT supported)

R35 Review will assess:

- Evidence that contributions made by the PI are commensurate with the PI's career stage
- Evidence that the impact of the research program will continue at the same level over the course of the Research Program Award
- Suitability of the R35 mechanism, with its unique flexibility and facilitation of longitudinal continuity to advance the investigator's research program



Next Steps

Interested in Applying?

Next Steps

1

Review the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and talk with your program director to see if this award is right for you.

2

Visit the NINDS R35 FAQs to learn more and determine the budget you would be eligible to apply for.

3

Review your current research portfolio and begin your application if this is the right fit for you.



**Submit your application on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)
by July 13, 2023**

Helpful Resources

- NINDS R35 Information: bit.ly/NINDS_R35
- NINDS R35 FAQs: bit.ly/R35_FAQ
- NINDS R35 Funding Opportunity Announcement: bit.ly/R35_FOA
- NINDS R35 Recipient List: bit.ly/R35_Recipients



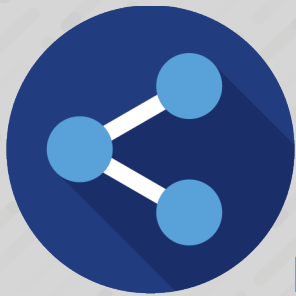
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Useful Links:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-22-038.html>

<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/about-funding/ninds-research-program-award-r35>

R35: Eligibility and Budget Overview

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R35 Eligibility

- NINDS R00, R01, RF1, R37, R56, DP1, DP2 grant with funds allocated in FY19, FY20, FY21, FY22 & FY23
- Current R35 awardees can apply for a new R35 in years 7-8 of their active RPA
- If you have No Cost Extension, briefly justify
- Cannot be 5 years multi-PI only awards

See our [how-to video](#) to check your eligibility and funding on [NIH REPORTER](#)

Does my BRAIN award make me eligible?

Yes, but...

- Funds allocated from Congressionally mandated set-asides e. g. BRAIN, AD/ADRD, HEAL, CounterACT, don't count towards R35 budget
- They can be held in parallel with R35

R35 Eligibility

Year	NS Award	PI
2019	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2020	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2021	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2022	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2023	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C

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Year	NS Award	PI
2019	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2020	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2021	MPI R01	Dr. ML
		Dr. C
2022	Single PI R01	Dr. ML
2023	Single PI R01	Dr. ML

R35 Eligibility

NS		
Year	Award	PI
2019	R21	Dr. LM
2020	R01	Dr. LM
2021	R01	Dr. LM
2022	R01	Dr. LM
2023	R01	Dr. LM

R35 Eligibility

Year	NS Award	PI
2019	R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2020	R01	Dr. LM
2021	R01	Dr. LM
2022	R01 in NCE*	Dr. LM
2023	R01	Dr. LM

R35 Eligibility

Year	NS Award PI	
2019	MPI R01	Dr. LM
		Dr. C
2020	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2021	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2022	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM
2023	BRAIN R01	Dr. LM

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

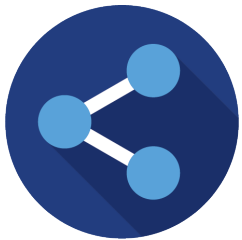
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- You calculate your level of support by using your average direct costs for the 4 most recent fiscal years (i.e., 2019 – 2022 or 2020 – 2023, whichever is greater).

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- ▶ If your 4-year average is less than \$350,000
 - One R01 \$218,000 for 5 years: award will be \$350,000
 - **Read the [FOA](#) for eligibility and budget details**

Visit the R35 [FAQs](#) to find a budget **template** and **more details** for calculating your R35 budget.

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How do you calculate your R35 budget?

- MPI awards or multi-component grants/cooperative agreements, should only include the amount of the award that is attributable to the applicant PI.
 - *MPI: Use the allocation from the grant*
 - *P01: use the RPG, exclude the cores and administrative*
- Use the budget table and submit that with your budget justification. We REVIEW IT

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

P01

Year	NS Award	Award	Sum of award each FY	FY20-2023 avg
2019	R01	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
2020	R01	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2021	R01	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2022	R01	\$250,000	\$750,000	
2022	P01	\$0		
	Cores	\$0		
	Admin	\$0		
	RPG 1	\$250,000		
	RPG 2	\$250,000		
2023	R01	\$250,000	\$750,000	
2023	P01	\$0		
	Cores	\$0		
	Admin	\$0		
	RPG 1	\$250,000		
	RPG 2	\$250,000		

How do you calculate your R35 budget?

No Cost Extension

- NCE counts towards eligibility, but counts as \$0 towards your budget

How do you calculate your R35 budget? NCE

Year	NS Award	PI	Award	Sum of award each FY	FY20-2023 avg
2019	R01 in NCE	Dr. LM	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2020	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2021	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$250,000	
2022	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$550,000	
	2nd R01		\$300,000		
2023	R01	Dr. LM	\$250,000	\$550,000	
	2nd R01		\$300,000		

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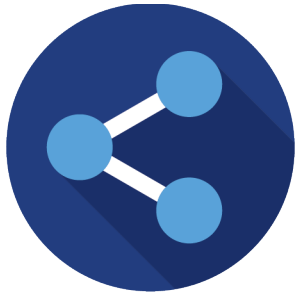
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T Act Project	Year	Sub	Principal Investigator(s)/ Project Leader(s)	Organization
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