

National Institutes of Health International Grant Program Opportunities

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- Trends in Research
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5 Priorities of the NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins

- **Global Health** - Dr. Collins commented that it is time for the US to be the "doctor to the world" instead of the "soldier to the world," and noted that governmental agencies would need the assistance of major international philanthropic organizations to be successful
- High-throughput technologies
- Translational Research
- Beneficial role of science in healthcare reform
- Reinvigorating the biomedical research community



FY 2011 Budget Agreement



- Final budget agreement cut ~\$38 B from the federal budget
- NIH \$30.9 B FY2011 Budget (-1%)
- ~2% allocated to International Awards (~618M)

Recent Trends in Research

- **European-U.S. cooperation**
 - Scientific- multiple collaborations
 - Regulatory- Food and Drug Administration and European Medicines Agency
 - Funding- European Commission and National Institutes of Health
- **Emergence of standards**
 - Data collection and transmission
 - Terminology and outcome assessments
- **Development of platforms**
 - Networks (shared protocols) and consortia (shared scientific goals)
- **Innovative funding arrangements**
 - Multiple Principal Investigators
 - Public-private partnerships

International Opportunities

- **Intramural Opportunities**



http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/visitingprogram/03_vpawards.html

NIH Visiting Programs:

Visiting Fellows

Visiting Scientists

International Opportunities

- Extramural Opportunities
- Unsolicited Applications
 - Must use 'parent' FOA
- Solicited Applications
 - FOAs - Funding Opportunity Announcement
 - × RFA- Request for Application
 - × PA – Program Announcement

International Opportunities

- NIH:
<http://www.nih.gov/>
go to “Grants and Funding” at the top; search by scientific area and check for foreign-eligible FOAs
- NICHD:
International EARDA
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-172.html>
- Fogarty International Center
Global Health Initiatives
<http://www.fic.nih.gov/Global/Global-Health-NIH/Pages/default.aspx>

International Opportunities

- NCI - Northern Ireland Cancer Consortium
<http://oia.cancer.gov/Programs/Pages/programs-ireland.aspx>
- The International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (many countries including France and the UK)
<http://oia.cancer.gov/Programs/Pages/programs-inctr.aspx>
- NIAID -
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/globalresearch/europe/Pages/default.aspx>
- NINDS- International Neuroscience Fellowship (F05)
http://www.ninds.nih.gov/funding/areas/office_of_international_activities/index.htm

Policies for Non-U.S. Institutions

- Grants Policy Statement:
http://odoerdb2.od.nih.gov/gmac/nihgps_2010/nihgps_ch16.htm
- Office of Extramural Research
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/foreign/>

Policies for Non-U.S. Institutions

- In general, most policies for domestic grants apply to international organizations

Eligibility

- Eligible to apply for *unsolicited* research project grants, but are not eligible to submit a modular grant application
- Not eligible to apply for Kirschstein-NRSA institutional research training grants, program project grants, center grants, resource grants, SBIR/STTR grants, or construction grants
- Some awards may support projects awarded to a domestic institutions with a *foreign component*
- International conferences are supported
- Grants may not be made to individuals in a foreign location

Policies for Non-U.S. Institutions

Review

- special opportunities: unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions not readily available in the United States
- specific relevance to the mission and objectives of the Institute and has the potential to advance the health sciences in the United States
- Note: not applied to applications with foreign components or FOA requesting applications from foreign institutions only

Policies for Non-U.S. Institutions

Funding and Payment

- NIH provides limited F&A costs (8 percent of total direct costs less only equipment)
- Requests for funds and financial reports must be stated in U.S. dollars
- Payment by U.S. Treasury check by OFM in U.S. dollars (quarterly)
- Advised to use U.S. banks to ensure that payments arrive on time
- Required to maintain grant funds in an interest bearing account; interest in excess of \$250 per year must be returned in U.S. dollars by reimbursement check to OFM

Grants.gov/eRA Commons

- Grants.gov/eRA Commons – applying for a grant

[http://odoerdb2.od.nih.gov/ElectronicSubmission/files/Tips for International Applicants.pdf](http://odoerdb2.od.nih.gov/ElectronicSubmission/files/Tips%20for%20International%20Applicants.pdf)

- NIH eRA Commons – FAQs

http://era.nih.gov/commons/faq_commons.cfm

Grants.gov/eRA Commons

- Prepare to apply – Start Early!
 - Up to 8 wks for grants.gov; 2-4 for eRA Commons
 - Includes Dun & Bradstreet and Central Contractor Registry
- Information on application preparation, submission and follow up

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