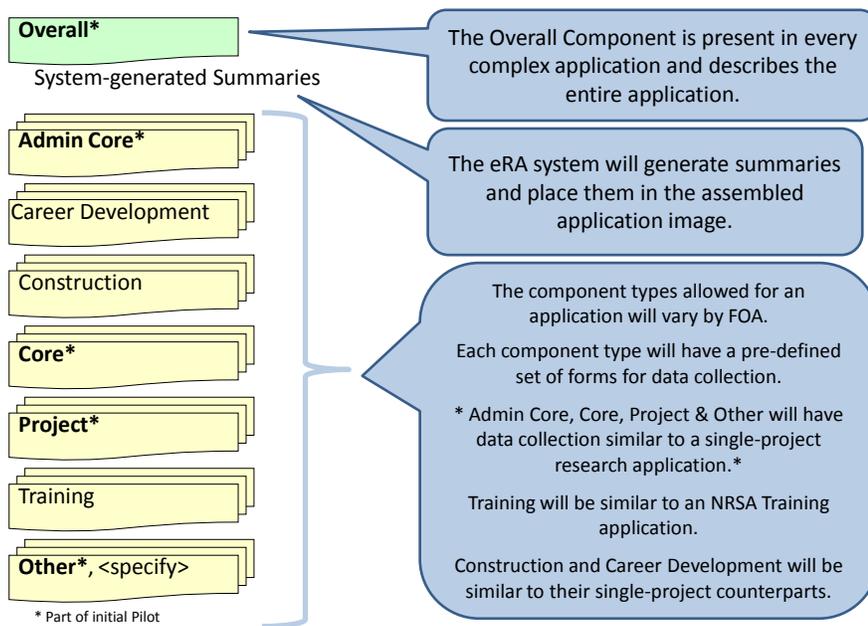


# NIH Complex, Multi-Project Application Packages

## NIH Complex Application Structure



Complex applications require an Overall component with data collection comparable to a single-project application that describes the entire application and how each of the components fit together. Every complex NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will include an Overall component with a min/max of 1 occurrence.

The data collection for the other components within a complex application can vary by opportunity. For example, some opportunities may allow career development, training or construction components, while others may only focus on research type components.

When a FOA is defined in Grants.gov, grantors will have the option of defining the kinds of components allowed and the min/max number of times each component can occur within an opportunity.

For example, a complex NIH FOA may specify:

- Overall component (min=1, max=1)
  - Administrative Core (min=1, max=unbounded)
  - Core (min=1, max=2)
  - Pilots<sup>1</sup> (min=0, max=unbounded)
  - Project (min=3, max=5)
- <sup>1</sup> Example of an FOA-specific component of type 'Other'

NIH will also maintain a way to control min/max iterations for a component outside of the Grants.gov application package schema. S2S solution providers are encouraged to take advantage of our FOA Information Request within the

Submission Agency Data Service which returns Component Labels and Component Iterations for a given FOA opportunity identifier. The web service request also provides page limit restrictions for each Component Label and is the best way to determine values for NIH business rule validations.

## Component Form Templates

The following table describes the typical forms/data collection associated with various components found in a NIH multi-project application packages. Although most NIH multi-project application packages will be comprised of some combination of the templates defined below, NIH's implementation is flexible enough to allow for additional form/data collection templates to be defined for a specific FOA.

To assist NIH staff in defining the data collection needed for each component, we have pre-defined a set of Component Types: Overall, Admin Core, Core, Project, Construction, Career Dev, and Training. In addition, staff can define and name a new component type (indicated as 'Other' in table). In most cases, these 'Other' components will use the NIH Complex General Research Component template. However, with approval, form additions/subtractions to that template will be allowed.

*Important note: The Grants.gov dynamic multi-project opportunity schemas require components to be in the XML in the order specified by the schema.*

Pre-defined Grants.gov Complex Application Package and Sub-package Template Names:		NIH Complex Overall Package	NIH Complex General Research Component	NIH Complex Construction Component	NIH Complex Career Dev Component	NIH Complex Training Component
Component Types/Labels		Overall	Admin Core Core Project  Other	Construction	Career Dev	Training
M - Mandatory Forms O - Optional Forms	Version					
* Schema changes needed for multi-project support						
RR_SF424	1.2	M				
RR_SF424_Multi_Project_Cover*	1.0		M	M	M	M
PerformanceSite*	2.0	M	M	M	M	M
RR_OtherProjectInfo	1.3	M	M	M	M	M
RR_KeyPersonExpanded *	2.0	M	M	M	M	M
RR_MP_Budget - MP*	1.0		M		M	
RR_MP_SubawardBudget*	1.0		O		O	
PHS398_CoverLetter	1.2	O				
PHS398_CoverPageSupplement	1.4	M	M	M	M	M
PHS398_ResearchPlan	1.3	M	M	M		
PHS398_Checklist	1.3	M				
SF424C (Budget Information for Construction Programs)	2.0			M		
PHS398_CareerDevelopmentAwardSup	1.2				M	
PHS398_ResearchTrainingProgramPlan	1.0					M
PHS398_TrainingBudget	1.0					M
PHS398_TrainingSubawardBudget	1.0					O