NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

SPECIAL VISUAL SCIENCES RESEARCH AWARDS

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The Special Visual Sciences Research Awards Program, recently established by the National Eye Institute, is designed to encourage young investigators to remain active in eye research during the formative stage of their career. Under this program, awards will be made on a competitive basis to new investigators not holding other research support. To be eligible, candidates must have received a doctoral degree or have completed research or residency training no more than four years prior to the date NIH receives a completed application.

2. Awards will be made for a nonrenewable period of up to three years, in amounts not to exceed $7,500 per year to support research projects in the clinical and basic sciences related to eye diseases and disorders of the visual system.

3. The same NIH policies, rules, and regulations which apply to the regular research grants program will govern the Special Visual Sciences Research Awards. The standard research grant application kit should be used by those who wish to be considered for this special grant. The initial merit review will be conducted by the appropriate NIH Division of Research Grants study section, and the second review will be conducted by the National Advisory Eye Council.

4. Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

   Scientific Programs Branch
   National Eye Institute
   National Institutes of Health
   Building 31, Room 6A-47
   Bethesda, Maryland 20014
GRANT APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Part 16 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations establishes the criteria and procedures for appealing adverse decisions concerning the administration of grant awards made by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The regulation, effective for any determinations made on or after May 21, 1973, was published in the Federal Register dated April 20, 1973, pp. 9906-9910.

2. Grantees desiring to appeal an adverse decision by the National Institutes of Health may do so by requesting a review in writing. The request for review must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the postmarked date of the adverse decision and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Grant Appeals Board, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201. The request for review must clearly identify the question(s) in dispute and contain a full statement of the grantee's position with respect to such question(s) and the pertinent facts and reasons in support of the appeal.

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