R01 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS
Investigator Initiated Research Project Grant Applications

Purpose of the Award
- Provides funding to support investigator-initiated research on a discrete, specified, circumscribed project
- Investigator-initiated research, also known as unsolicited research, is research funded as a result of an investigator submitting a research grant application to NIH in an investigator’s area of interest and competency

Details
- NIH’s most commonly used grant program
- No specific dollar limit unless specified in FOA
- Advance permission required for $500,000 or more (direct costs) in any year
- Generally awarded for 3 to 5 years
- Utilized by all NIH Institutes and Centers

Application
- The R01 research plan proposed by the applicant institution/organization must be related to the stated program interests of one or more of the NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs) based on descriptions of their programs

More Information
- Visit the Parent Announcement through the Parent Announcement page
- Consult the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to read the Review Process section; Individual FOAs often have additional review criteria and/or considerations
- To read more about the review criteria and considerations for R applications, visit Review Criteria at-a-Glance.
- Please see the following documents for more information on scoring and critique templates: Scoring System and Procedure, Critique Template Instructions.
- A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm

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