

# 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 [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/rpg\\_D.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/rpg_D.htm) and [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](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm)