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NIH Updates (2019)

NIH Data Book

If you were not already familiar with the [NIH Data Book](#) (NDB), I highly recommend taking some time and reviewing the reports reflected in the current version. The NDB provides basic summary statistics on NIH-funded grants and contract awards, grant applications, the organizations that NIH supports, the trainees and fellows supported through NIH programs, and the national biomedical workforce. Reports within the NDB include success and funding rates; award trends; peer reviews; and information related to the SBIR/STTR program. In this year's NDB, NIH resolved to make the data more accessible, interactive and easy to use. Did you know that NIH awarded over \$25 billion in research grants in FY 2018?

Reminder to Address Inclusion of Individuals Across the Lifespan

Effective for due dates **January 25, 2019** or later, keep in mind the following changes to your applications and progress reports.

Applications must address the age-appropriate inclusion or exclusion of individuals in the proposed research project by including:

- A description of plans for including individuals across the lifespan, including a rationale for selecting the specific age range
- An acceptable justification for the exclusion, if individuals will be excluded from the research based on age

For progress reports for awards from applications due Jan. 25th and later, to improve access to age-related information and better understand study outcomes across age groups:

- Submit de-identified participant-level data on sex/gender, race, ethnicity, and age at enrollment in progress reports.

As announced through [NOT-OD-18-116](#), the Inclusion of Children Policy has been expanded to individuals of all ages. The revised policy, now known as the Inclusion Across the Lifespan policy, requires individuals of all ages (including children and older adults) be included in clinical research studies unless there are scientific or ethical reasons to exclude them.

NIH has a New Protection of Human Subjects Website

On the new Protection of Human Subjects site, you can find useful information about proposing and conducting NIH extramural research involving human subjects, including policies, regulations, training, resources, and updated information on the revised human subject regulation (Common Rule).

NIH recently launched a new version of the human subjects protections website, moving it from its old url of <https://humansubjects.nih.gov> to its new home within the NIH Grants site, <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects.htm>. Hopefully, this new approach simplifies finding information about the protection of human subjects.

NIH Resources

NIH has some incredible resources available through its “[All About Grants](#)” podcasts. These podcasts provide relevant information to proposers in relation to getting to know NIH and the grants process, preparing a successful grant application, proposal reviews, etc. Please be sure to take advantage of these resources as you think about seeking NIH funding.