Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Program

AREA grants support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students in educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds. The goals of the AREA program are: (1) to support meritorious research; (2) to strengthen the research environment of the institution; and (3) to expose students to research.

- Project period limited to 3 years
- Direct costs limited to $300,000 for entire project period
- Grants are renewable
- Preliminary data are not required
- Research Strategy is limited to 12 pages

Eligibility Criteria:

Principal Investigators
- Must have a primary faculty appointment at an AREA-eligible institution
- Cannot have an active NIH grant
- Cannot have more than one AREA grant at a time

Institutions
- Must be a US institution
- Must offer baccalaureate and/or advanced degrees in biomedical or behavioral sciences
- Receive < $6M per year in NIH grant support

See list of ineligible institutions on AREA Program website

Applying for an AREA Grant...

Funding Opportunity Announcement
- R15 mechanism
- Parent Program Announcement: PA-13-313
- All NIH ICs participate except FIC, NCATS and NIMHD

Receipt Dates
- Standard: February 25, June 25, and October 25
- AIDS-Related: May 7, September 7, and January 7

Special Application Submission Requirements
- Follow the SF424 Application Guide, plus include
  - Summary of PI’s experience supervising students in research
  - Profile of available and former students at the institution
  - Description of special characteristics of the institution that make it appropriate for an AREA grant
  - Statement of institutional support, if applicable
- On the budget request forms, request the entire budget for all years in Budget Period 1.
- Use Modular Budget if direct costs for the sum of all years is $250,000 or less
- Use R&R Budget if direct costs for the sum of all years is more than $250,000

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