



SUBMISSION DATES – OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGE OR CHAOS?

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MESSING AROUND WITH DATES

“There is NOTHING--absolute nothing--
half so much worth doing as simply
messaging about in boats.”

Water Rat

Wind in the Willows (1908)

Kenneth Grahame

Messaging around with dates may be
another matter!



TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS

- Distinction between submission and receipt dates will go away!
 - Submission by 8 p.m. Eastern time zone to Grants.gov.
 - For now verification within two business days of image posting on Commons (day posted does not count)
- Opportunity to spread out dates by mechanism or other metric



CURRENT SCHEDULE

Uses calendar to spread work - Cycle 1:

- January 10: Ts
- February 1: New Rs, Ks, All Ps, Other (Gs, Ss, etc.)
- **February 25: All AREA**
- March 1: Resubmission, competing continuation, competing supplement - Rs, Ks, Gs, Ss, etc.
- **April 1: Small Business**
- April 5: Fs
- **April 15: R13s/U13s**
- May 1: All AIDS Applications (**R13, R15, R41, R42, R43, R44, U13**)

Notes:

[Grants.gov/424](https://www.Grants.gov/424) R & R submission

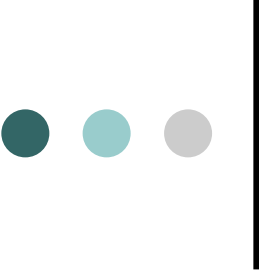
AREA and AIDS “trump” – new, revision, competing continuation, competing supplement

RFAs and PARs have special dates



A PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE

- January 25: All Ts
- February 1: All Ps; new R01s
- February 5: Other Rs (R25, R18, etc.), Ss, Gs, etc.
- February 10: New R21s
- February 15: New R03s
- February 20: New Ks
- February 25: All AREA



A PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE (cont.)

- March 1: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 R01s
- March 5: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 Other Rs, Ss, Gs, etc.
- March 10: Resubmission R21s
- March 15: Resubmission R03s
- March 20: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 Ks



NO CHANGE

- April 1: Small Business
- April 5: Fs
- April 15: R13s/U13s
- May 1: All AIDS Applications
(R13, R15, R41, R42, R43,
R44, U13)



COMPLETE SCHEDULE

- January 25: All Ts
- February 1: All Ps; new R01s
- February 5: Other Rs (R25, R18, etc.) Ss, Gs, etc.
- February 10: New R21s
- February 15: New R03s
- February 20: New Ks
- February 25: All AREA
- March 1: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 R01s
- March 5: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 Other Rs, Ss, Gs, etc.
- March 10: Resubmission R21s
- March 15: Resubmission R03s
- March 20: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 Ks
- April 1: Small Business
- April 5: Fs
- April 15: R13s/U13s
- May 1: All AIDS Applications (R13, R15, R41, R42, R43, R44, U13)



THE GREAT TAXONOMY DEBATE

Taxonomists are often divided into lumpers and splitters. *Lumpers* group organisms according to similarities in their features and *splitters* look for differences and create new classifications.



A SECOND PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE

- January 25: All Ts
- February 1: All Ps; new R01s, new other Rs, Ss, Gs, etc.
- February 15: New R03s, R21s, Ks
- February 25: All AREA
- March 1: Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 R01s, other Rs, Ss, Gs, etc.
- March 15: Resubmission R03s, R21s; Resubmission/Type 2 & 3 Ks
- April 1: Small Business
- April 5: Fs
- April 15: R13s/U13s
- May 1: All AIDS Applications (R13, R15, R41, R42, R43, R44, U13)



RATIONALE

- Large applications (Ps) early
- Largest volume (R01s) early
- Try to give more time to newer investigators (Ks, R03s)



ADVANTAGES

- Spread out work for
 - Investigators
 - Institutions
 - Grants.gov
 - NIH (GrantsInfo, Exchange, Helpdesk, Referral)
- Shortens cycle a bit for some investigators



DISADVANTAGES

- Nearly continuous submission dates
 - Less downtime for other tasks for Offices of Sponsored Research at institutions
 - Confusing for Principal Investigators submitting multiple applications
 - Some readjustment of special dates for RFAs, PARs
- Complicates “window of consideration for late applications”
- Confusion Factor – present system is confusing and this is more so
- Some investigators may perceive this as unfair – why do K applicants get longer than R01s?



CONFOUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

- Should a new scheme be implemented as transition to each mechanism or keep current schedule until full transition and then change?
 - Have already made the change for R15s
 - Pilot program for resubmissions of New Investigator R01s
- When fully electronic plan to shorten cycle, change dates by a month or more. Would it be better to keep current schedule until then and then change?
 - Initial efforts with Grants.gov may require more time to complete application, best to start early
 - Only one round of change
- Mixed approach (the NIH way – flowers blooming!)
 - Change for some mechanisms at transition time – R15s, Ts, etc.
 - Big changes/shortening when fully electronic



YOUR THOUGHTS?

- Other proposals