

BIOLOGICAL SAFETY (P3) FACILITIES GRANTS
FOR RECOMBINANT DNA RESEARCH

ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases jointly announce the availability of a grants program for funding the establishment of biological safety (P3) facilities. Available funds for these awards are limited, and it is expected that competition will be keen.

Limitations and Conditions

1. The funding instrument is to be considered as an "aggregated supplement" or "core" grant to relevant projects supported by the NIH. The merit of the proposal will be based on the scientific merit of related ongoing projects, and on evidence of real need for such a facility, as determined by a description of projected experiments. Thus the application should describe in some detail both current and projected work, and identify the sources and levels of project support.
2. The NIGMS and NIAID cannot provide funds for new construction. The funds requested should be primarily for renovation of existing space. Equipment specifically to be dedicated for use in the biological safety facility may be requested. Submitted plans must meet NIH criteria for allowable renovation, and must adhere to applicable standards and guidelines for P3 facilities.
3. Awards will be made for a project period of one year and will not provide funds for personnel.
4. A major portion of the projected work should involve recombinant DNA technology. It is anticipated that most, if not all, requests will be for the type of facility classified as P3 in the "NIH Guidelines for Recombinant DNA Research."
5. Appreciable commitment in the form of cost sharing will be required from the institution. A minimum of 50 percent of the costs of renovation and equipment is to be borne by the applicant institution.
6. An institution (or a campus, in the case of multi-campus institutions such as the University of California) which already has a P3 facility in place, or which has received other Federal funds for such a facility, is generally not eligible for an award, unless the need for additional facilities can be strongly justified.

Additional Information

Applications (form PHS 398) should be sent to the Division of Research Grants which will conduct the scientific merit review. The deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 1977. The words "Biological Safety Facility Application" should be typed under the words "GRANT APPLICATION" in the upper left corner of the face page.

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COMA RESEARCH

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL
AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS AND STROKE

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Stroke and Trauma Program of the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke is interested in receiving applications for research grants dealing with coma. These applications may be for individual research project grants concerned, for example, with the mechanisms or the pathophysiology of coma, or they may be for clinical research centers in which there is coordination of basic and clinical research projects focusing on the problems of etiology, mechanisms, differential diagnosis and treatment of coma.

Applications should be submitted in accordance with the standard NIH forms, procedures, and schedules. The next deadline for the receipt of applications is March 1, 1978. (Applications for Center Grants are due February 1, 1978.) Inquiries should be directed to the Stroke and Trauma Program, National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke, Room 8A13 Federal Building, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20014 [Telephone: (301) 496-4226].