

Research on Mild and/or Unilateral Hearing Loss (R21)

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-037.html>

Department of Health and Human Services

Participating Organizations

National Institutes of Health (NIH) (<http://www.nih.gov>)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (<http://www.cdc.gov>)

Components of Participating Organizations

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
(<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov>)
National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD)
(<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/>)

Announcement Type

New

NOTICE: Applications submitted in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Federal assistance must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) using the SF424 Research and Related (R&R) forms and the SF424 (R&R) Application Guide.

APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED IN PAPER FORMAT.

This FOA must be read in conjunction with the application guidelines included with this announcement in [Grants.gov/Apply for Grants](http://www.grants.gov/Apply) (hereafter called Grants.gov/Apply).

A registration process is necessary before submission and applicants are highly encouraged to start the process at least four weeks prior to the grant submission date. See [Section IV](#).

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-07-037

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number(s): 93.173, 93.283

Key Dates

Release/Posted Date: November 7, 2006

Opening Date: January 16, 2007 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

NOTE: On time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).

Application Submission/Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

AIDS Application Submission/Receipt Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm#AIDS>

Peer Review Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm#reviewandaward>

Council Review Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm#reviewandaward>

Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see

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Additional Information To Be Available Date (URL Activation Date): Not Applicable
Expiration/Closing Date: November 17, 2009

Due Dates for E.O. 12372

Not Applicable

Executive Summary

- This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits R21 applications to further our understanding of mild and unilateral hearing loss in infants and young children. This includes research on prevention, better diagnostic methods, and treatments for these forms of hearing loss that are often overlooked or minimized. Children with milder forms of hearing loss (e.g., < 40 dB HL) in one or both ears or any degree of hearing loss in one ear can experience difficulties in the areas of speech, language, behavior, academic, and other aspects of development.
- This FOA will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism and runs in parallel with a FOA of identical scientific scope, [PA-07-038](#), which solicits applications under the R01 mechanism and which will be issued at a later date.
- Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the quality, duration, and costs of the applications received.
- **Budget and Project Period:** The total project period for an application submitted in response to this funding opportunity may not exceed two years. Direct costs are limited to \$275,000 over an R21 two-year period, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.
- **Eligible Organizations:** Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education; Private Institution of Higher Education; Hispanic-serving Institution; Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs); Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions; Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education); Nonprofit without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education); Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entity; Small Business; For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business); State Government; Regional Organization; U.S. Territory or Possession; Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized); Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized); Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization; Other(s): Eligible agencies of the Federal government; Faith-based or community based organizations.
- **Eligible Project Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/PIs):** Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research are invited to work with their institution to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support.
- Applicants may submit more than one application, provided each application is scientifically distinct.
- See [Section IV.1](#) for application materials. The SF424 (R&R) Application Guide for this FOA is located at these Web sites:
 - http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424_RR_Guide_General_Ver2.doc (MS Word)
 - http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424_RR_Guide_General_Ver2.pdf (PDF)

- For general information on SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission, see these the following Web sites:
 - SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission Information:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>
 - General information on Electronic Submission of Grant Applications:
<http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/>
- Telecommunications for the hearing impaired is available at: TTY 301-451-0088.