

BUDGET PROCESS

- **What is the NCI Bypass Budget?**

Each year, as mandated by the National Cancer Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-218), the NCI prepares the [NCI Bypass Budget](#) which describes continuing and new activities that take advantage of new discoveries and opportunities and maximize the use of NCI resources. This annual plan and budget proposal is provided directly to the President of the United States for formulating the budget request to Congress.

- **How are funding decisions made?**

Funding decisions are based on the paylines set by the NCI Executive Committee for the various grant mechanisms. In addition, NCI establishes a special R01 payline for [New Investigators](#). “Exception funding” may be available for grant applications that are close to the payline. Contact the [program director](#) listed on your summary statement for more information on “exception funding” or resubmitting your grant application. Paylines for [Request for Applications](#) (RFA) are determined by the set aside of funds available and the quality of the grant applications.

- **Where is information available on the funding level in specific disease or research areas?**

NCI reports how appropriated funds are spent in a number of different categories or classifications including specific cancer sites, cancer types, and diseases related to cancer, as well as types of research mechanisms. See the [NCI Fact Book](#) for information on funding of disease categories as well as funding and success rates for grant mechanisms.

The [NCI Funded Research Portfolio](#) provides access to various NCI budget reports associated with research funding by research categories. It also provides the ability to search the database in various ways including a text search of the project abstract and a search of the NIH research categories that are assigned to the projects by extramural and intramural groups.

The [International Cancer Research Portfolio](#) represents a searchable database of information on cancer research awards of the cancer funding organizations that comprise the [International Cancer Research \(ICR\) Partners](#).

The NIH report, [Estimates of Funding for Various Diseases, Conditions and Research Areas](#), includes funding levels for grants and contracts across NIH by fiscal year.

- **Where can I find information on paylines and funding policies for NCI?**

Information on the current payline for [R01](#) applications and funding policies for [competing](#) and [non-competing](#) applications is available on the [NCI Funding Policy](#) web page.

- **Are there special R01 paylines for new investigators?**

Yes. NCI establishes a special payline for [new investigators](#) that is normally 5 percentile points above the R01 payline. Examples of special paylines for new investigators set by NIH institutes are available on the NIH [New Investigators Program](#) web site. In addition, new investigators are more likely to be considered for “exception funding” or funding outside the payline. Contact the [program director](#) listed on your summary statement for more information.

- **Where is information available on funding and success rates?**

See the [NCI Fact Book](#) for information on funding of disease categories as well as funding and success rates for grant mechanisms. [NIH Success Rates](#) are also available by institute and grant mechanism on the NIH [Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool](#) (RePORT).

- **Where is information available on funding and success rates for new investigators?**

Information on NIH first-time Principal Investigator (PI) success rates and the average age of PIs can be found under [Special Topics](#) on [RePORT web site](#).