

# **R15 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS**

## Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) Applications

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

NIH Academic Research Enhancement Area (AREA) (R15)

- Support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by students and faculty in health professional schools and other academic components that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds
- Eligibility is limited (see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm>)
- Direct cost limited to \$150,000 over entire project period
- Project period limited to up to 3 years
- All NIH ICs utilize except FIC and NCMHD

Visit parent FOA at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-042.html>.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

To read more about the review criteria and considerations for R15 applications, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/critiques/rpg.htm>.

Please see the following documents for more information on scoring and critique templates: [Scoring System and Procedure](#), [Critique Template Instructions](#). A comprehensive list of Guidelines for Reviewers is available at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer\\_guidelines.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/reviewer_guidelines.htm).