

R21 GUIDE FOR REVIEWERS

Exploratory/Developmental Grant Applications

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21)

- Encourages new, exploratory and developmental research projects by providing support for the early stages of project development. Sometimes used for pilot and feasibility studies.
- Limited to up to two years of funding
- Combined budget for direct costs for the two year project period usually may not exceed \$275,000.
- Preliminary data are generally not required
- Utilized by most ICs

Visit parent FOA at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-181.html>. Some FOAs may have additional criteria and/or considerations. Please see the first page of each application to find the applicable FOA number.

MORE INFORMATION

To read more about the review criteria and considerations for R21 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.