

NICHD High Priority Research Projects

Shortening the gap between emerging scientific need and award

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Review: Typical Timeline for New RFA/RFP Development



Scientific Inspiration

Program Staff Activities (Workshop April 2018)

January 2020: Concept Presentation at Council

March 2020: RFA Publication

November 2020: Peer Review

April 2021: Award



June-August 2019: Op Planning Process

January – March 2020: RFA development and Review

July 2020: Application Submission

January 2021: Council Review

Inspiration to FOA publication: ~ 2 years

FOA publication to award: ~ 12 months



A New
Paradigm to
Decrease the
*“Inspiration
to
Publication”*

Time

NICHD High Priority Research Projects

- Publish a collection of **standing FOAs** that are **science agnostic**
 - Use a variety of grant and cooperative agreement funding mechanisms
 - “Placeholders” always ready for use
- **High priority topic** arises
- A simple **Notice** specifying the priority scientific need directs applicants to one or more of the placeholder FOAs

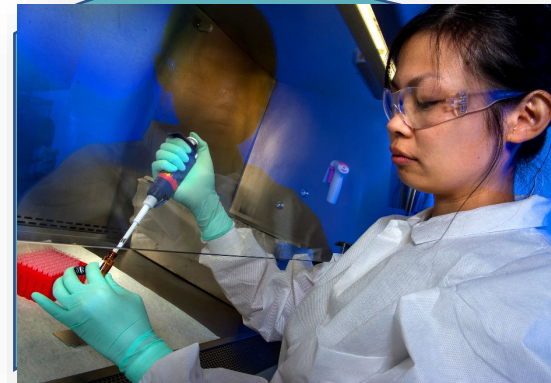
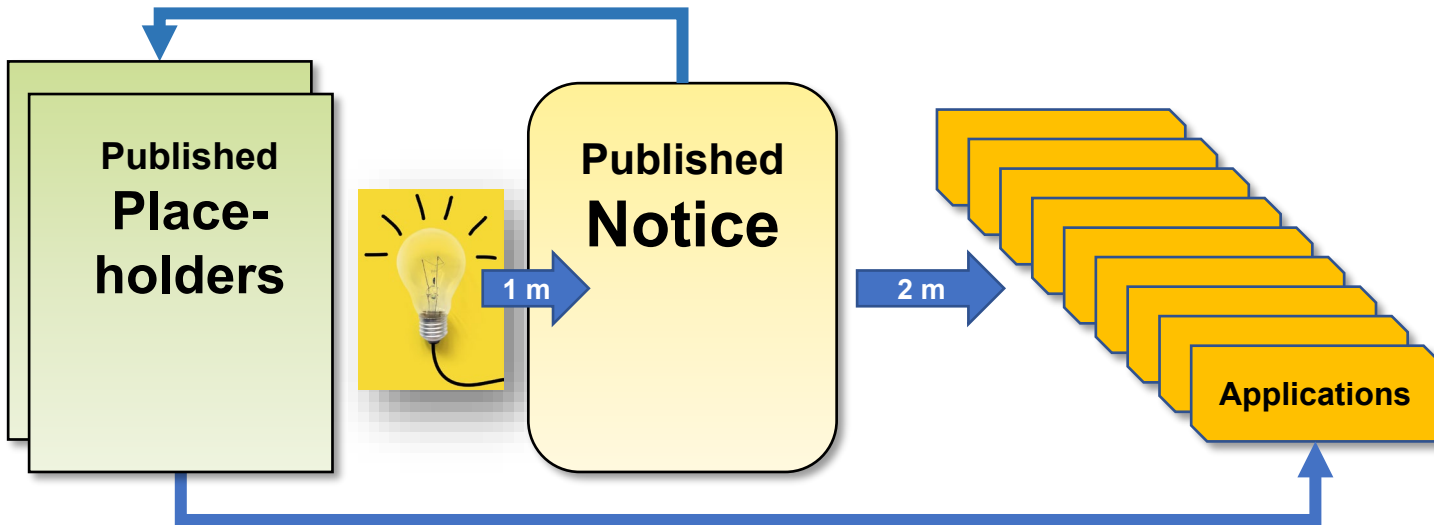
Shortening the “Inspiration to Publication” Interval



Current model:



Proposed model:



Science is getting done before the old RFA is even published



NEW Typical Timeline for Soliciting High-Priority Science



**January
2024**

**April 2024:
Application
Submission**

**September
2024:
Council
Review**



**February
2024:
Notice
Published**

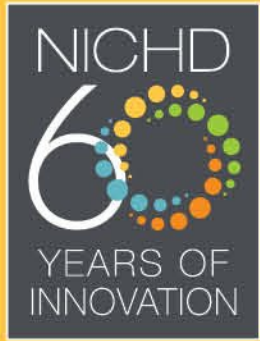
**July 2024:
Peer
Review**

**October
2024:
Award**

1 month

~ 8 months





Thank You!

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