

Comparison of R35 Programs across NIH

	NCI	NIGMS	NINDS	Recommendations for NICHD
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)	PAR-14-267 Outstanding Investigator Award	RFA-GM-16-002 Maximizing Investigator's Research Award (MIRA)	RFA-NS-16-001 Research Program Award (R35)	Type of solicitation TBD (PA or RFA?)
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long-term support to experienced investigators with outstanding records • greater risks; adventurous in their lines of inquiry; take time to develop new techniques • extended funding stability...embark on projects of unusual potential...break new ground or extend previous discoveries toward new directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single grant to provide support for all research in an investigator's laboratory related to NIGMS mission • increase efficiency and efficacy of NIGMS funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • longer-term support and increased flexibility • break new ground or extend into new directions. • greater risks and projects that require a longer timeframe. • support all NINDS-related research in PI's lab for a sustained period of time. • funding stability; less time spent writing grant applications; promote ambitious, creative research. 	
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be nominated by institution • At least 5 yr outstanding research productivity • PI on NCI grant for last 5 years • Foreign applications or components not allowed • Single receipt date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or more NIGMS R01s or equivalent, or a single R01 greater than \$400K DC in FY13 or FY14. • Foreign applications are not allowed, but components are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one active NINDS R01 or equivalent grant (R01, R37, DP1, DP2) that expires FY16 or 17 • continuous R01 or equivalent grant support from NINDS for at least the past 5 years • Foreign applications are not allowed, but components are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career stage & grant history criteria TBD • Any topic appropriate for NICHD
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50% effort • Up to \$600K DC/yr • Up to 7 years • Renewals allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 51% effort • Up to \$750K, but expected to be less than the sum of all recent NIGMS support • 5 years (instead of 4 for R01s) • Renewals allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50% effort • Up to \$750K DC/yr • Up to 8 years; phased 5/3 • Renewals TBD 	Proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 50% effort • Up to \$750K DC/yr • Up to 8 yrs • Renewals ?
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clear and continuing institutional commitment to PI; for example at least 20% salary support • Re-negotiation of effort on other grants is expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PI must relinquish other NIGMS research grants • 6-page Research Strategy • Some specific instructions about reporting progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PI must relinquish other NINDS research grants • 6-page Research Strategy • Some specific instructions about reporting progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other grants ?
Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC review • Special criteria added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC review • Special criteria added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IC review • Special criteria added 	
Expected # awards	Not indicated in FOA*	Up to 100 awards	Up to 30 awards	
Expected cost to IC	Not indicated in FOA*	Up to \$60M in FY16	Up to \$20M FY16	

*NCI made 42 awards for approx. \$35M/yr TC (IMPAC data as of 9-11-2015)