

# NIH R03 General Guidelines

## About

The R03 grant mechanism will support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

Learn more: [NIH Small Grant Program \(R03\)](#)

Sample Applications: <https://www.niaid.nih.gov/grants-contracts/sample-applications>

## Helpful Links

- [How to Apply – Application Guide](#)
- [Research Instructions for NIH and Other PHS Agencies](#)
- [Page Limits](#)
- [Format Attachments](#)
- [Use of Hyperlinks in NIH Grant Applications](#)
- [Salary Cap & Stipends](#)

## General Information

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<i>Application Characteristics</i>	
<i>Project Period</i>	Up to 2 years
<i>Budget</i>	Limited to \$50,000 in direct costs per year.
<i>Eligibility</i>	A doctoral student may not apply for an R03 grant to support thesis or dissertation research. An R03 award may be used to assist students who are pursuing dissertation studies when the work is within the scope of the R03 award.

<i>Due Dates</i>			
<i>LOI Due Date</i>	As applicable		
<i>New Grant Applications</i>	February 16	June 16	October 16
<i>AIDS and Aids-related Applications</i>	May 7	September 7	January 7

## Uploaded Documents

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<i>Project Information</i>		
<i>Project Summary/Abstract</i>	30 lines of text	Required
<i>Project Narrative</i>	2-3 Sentences	Required
<i>Bibliography &amp; References Cited</i>	No page restriction	Required, unless otherwise noted in the FOA
<i>Facilities &amp; Other Resources</i>	No page restriction	Required, unless otherwise noted in the FOA
<i>Equipment</i>	No page restriction	List major items of equipment available for the project.
<i>Other Attachments</i>		As applicable

<i>Senior/Key Personnel</i>		
<i>Biographical Sketch</i>	5 pages each	<a href="#">Required to use SciENCv Template</a>
<i>Current &amp; Pending Support</i>	No page restriction	<a href="#">If required, use SciENCv Template</a>

<i>Budget</i>		
<i>Type/Format</i>	<b><i>Modular Budget</i></b>	<b><i>R&amp;R Detailed Budget</i></b>
	Use Modular Budget for requests up to \$250,000 of direct costs/year	Use Detailed Budget for requests greater than \$250,000 of direct costs/year.
<i>Budget Justification</i>	Provide personnel justification only, no amounts.	Justify all costs including Data Management and Sharing plan costs.
<i>Additional Narrative Justification</i>	Justify Data Management and Sharing plan costs, if any. If no costs associated, disclose.	

<i>Research Plan</i>		
<i>Introduction to Application</i>	1 page maximum	For resubmission and revision applications only
<i>Specific Aims</i>	1 page	Required
<i>Research Strategy</i>	6 pages and must include the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significance</li> </ul>	Required

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation</li> <li>• Approach</li> </ul>	
<i>Progress Report Publication List</i>	No page restriction	For renewal applications only

<i>Other Research Plan Section</i>		
<i>Vertebrate Animals</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Select Agent Research</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Consortium/Contractual Agreements</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Letters of Support</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Resource Sharing Plan</i>	No page restriction	Required
<i>Other Plans</i>	No page restriction	As applicable
<i>Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan</i>	No page restriction	Required. <a href="#">DMS Plan Guidelines</a>
<i>Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources</i>	1 page maximum	As applicable
<i>Appendix</i>	Refer to FOA guidelines for page restrictions	Only if FOA requests appendix materials
<i>PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information</i>	No page restriction	As applicable