

Office of Research

Just in Time News

Grants.gov SF424 R&R Version 2. NIH introduces Version 2 of the SF424 R&R Forms and Instruction sets. Grants.gov recently upgraded to make the SF424-R&R data items consistent wherever possible, with identical items that are also collected on the base SF424 forms (discretionary, mandatory, individual, and short). These changes include the addition of a few new fields, updates to the help text, and several modifications to the lists of values that are presented in drop-down lists. The revised 424R&R cover page will automatically be incorporated to new Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Announcement downloads, the Version 2, 424R&R instruction set is available on the web at http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424_RR_Guide_General_Ver2.pdf

424R&R Cover Changes – Box 14. Congressional District instructions have been modified to provide more specific details including a specific format; e.g., NC-005; Box 21. Allows for Additional Project Congressional Districts: This is a new data field and is an attachment option for those projects needing to provide more information than what can be entered in Item 14.

Research Plan Changes – Four new sections of the Research Plan have been added:

- Inclusion Enrollment Report and Progress Report Publication List are now separate attachments. These were previously part of section 4. Preliminary Studies/Progress Report. They have been separated out to avoid being counted in the page limit validations.
- In addition, new distinct sections have been added for Select Agent Research and Multiple PI Leadership Plan. Some of the previous sections have been renumbered accordingly.
- The other change to the Research Plan Component eliminates the separate section for Data and Safety Monitoring. This is now incorporated as a subtopic within section 8. Protection of Human Subjects.

SF424 R&R Senior/Key Personnel Section Limitation. In the Version 2 package the section of the PureEdge form that allows attachments for Additional Senior/Key Person Profiles, Additional Biographical Sketches, and Additional Current and Pending Support is missing. Without this section, applications are limited to eight Senior Key Persons. Grants.gov is working to correct the form as quickly as possible. Until this form issue is addressed by Grants.gov, NIH would like applicants to use the following workaround when more than eight Senior/Key Persons are needed for an application and Version 2 of the forms are used: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-087.html>

NIEHS P50 Disease Investigation through Specialized Clinically Oriented Ventures in Environmental Research Program. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences has released a Request for Applications for a new research Centers program: the Disease Investigation through Specialized Clinically Oriented Ventures in

Environmental Research (DISCOVER). This program will facilitate the integration of mechanistically driven and patient-oriented research to speed the translation of the environmental health sciences into clinical and public health applications. Awards made under the DISCOVER Centers will be for multi-project, interdisciplinary programs to understand the etiology, pathogenesis, prognosis, and epidemiology of human disease processes. Associated with this program **NIEHS has announced a second DISCOVER Applicant Information Meeting for October 6, 2006. The meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium at the Research Triangle Park, on the NIEHS main campus from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.** The purpose of this meeting is to answer questions from prospective applicants. Potential applicants have the option of attending in person or by viewing a videocast. In either case, please register on the DISCOVER website. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-ES-06-015.html>

Deadline Change - Resubmission/Amended NHLBI Career Development (K Series)

Awards are to be submitted for the Standard NIH Receipt Dates. The purpose of this notice is to announce that NHLBI is accepting resubmission/amended K02, K08, K18, K23, and K24 applications on the standard NIH receipt dates as detailed in <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm> (under Research Career Development – K series: revised). This notice is effective immediately and supersedes earlier instructions on the NHLBI website which has also been updated.