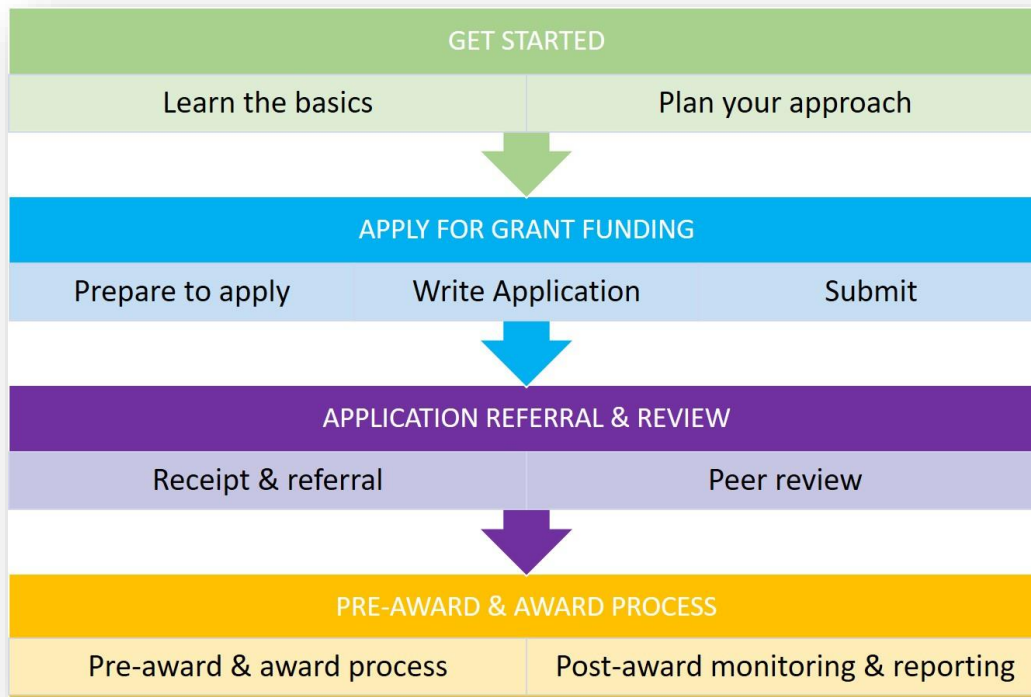


## ABOUT NIH

- Largest public funder of biomedical research in the world
- Funds all fields of health and biomedical research
- Made up of 27 Institutions and Centers with 24 actively offering research grant funding
- Each Institute or Center has its own mission, priorities, budget, and funding strategy
- Funding opportunities found through [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and [NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts](#)

## APPLYING TO NIH



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## MISSION

To seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

## GOVERNANCE

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## Get Started

- 1) Learn the basics
  - a. Learn how NIH approaches grant funding and how your research fits into their research portfolio
  - b. Explore the different types of grant programs offered at NIH and the eligibility requirements
- 2) Plan your approach
  - a. Find funding opportunities
  - b. Check other [awarded projects](#) to ensure your research is original and scientifically distinct
  - c. Talk with NIH staff about your idea and where it may fit
  - d. Prepare to write your application

## Apply for Grant Funding

- 3) Prepare to apply
  - a. Make sure you are registered with an [eRA Commons](#) ID or ask your OR Pre-Award Administrator to get you one
- 4) Write application
  - a. Download and complete all application forms ([SF424 application guide](#))
  - b. Make sure your budget and document formatting meets NIH requirements
- 5) Submit
  - a. Submit to NIH via [ASSIST](#) or Grants.gov's [Workspace](#)
  - b. Confirm your assembled document correctly reflects your submission by downloading a pdf of your application in ASSIST or Grants.gov
  - c. Track and view your application in eRA Commons and/or Grants.gov to verify receipt

## Application Referral & Review

- 6) Receipt and referral
  - a. Once received, your application will be assigned to a NIH Institute or Center
- 7) Peer review
  - a. Applications undergo a 2-stage merit review
    - i. Stage 1: Study Section/ Non-federal scientists evaluate for scientific merit
    - ii. Stage 2: Advisory Council or Board reviews for relevance and makes award recommendations
  - b. Institute Director makes the final award decision

## Pre-Award & Award Process

- 8) Pre-award and award process
  - a. Applications that score well will need to submit "[Just-In-Time](#)" information
  - b. Final administrative reviews are conducted and Notice of Awards are sent to awardees
- 9) Post-award monitoring and reporting
  - a. Active monitoring includes technical and financial reports, correspondence from the grantee, audit reports, site visits, and other information

## RESOURCES

- [NIH Grants & Funding Page](#)
- General Instructions for NIH & Other PHS Agencies, SF424 (R&R) Application Package ([FORMS VERSION D](#))
- [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#) (for terms and conditions of all awards, and roles and responsibilities definitions)
- [Video presentation](#) of NIH Grants Process
- Need help? Go to [NIH Support](#)