

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for
Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive
Revisions for NIH Grants to Add or Expand Research Focused on Maternal Health, Structural
Racism and Discrimination, and COVID-19 (NOT-OD-21-071)**

Q1. How do I make sure my application is routed correctly to be considered for an administrative supplement or competitive revision?

A1. Applicants must include “NOT-OD-21-071” (without quotation marks) in the Agency Routing Identifier field (box 4.b.) of the SF424 R&R form. Applications without this information in box 4.b. will not be considered for funding.

Q2. How do I know if my grant mechanism is eligible for an administrative supplement or competitive revision?

A2. All grant mechanisms will be considered, subject to the rules of the administering IC. Please consult the program official for your parent grant to determine if your grant is eligible for a supplement or competitive revision.

Q3. Is my grant eligible for an administrative supplement or competitive revision if it is in the last year of the period of performance?

A3. Yes. Currently funded grantees may apply to conduct work that is related to their funded project, if it is within the current scope or will expand the scope of the current project. You may apply as long as the parent award is active (e.g., within the originally reviewed and approved project period) regardless of the time remaining on the current project.

Q4. Is my grant eligible for an administrative supplement or competitive revision if it is in no-cost extension (NCE)?

A4. No, awards currently in no-cost extension are not eligible for supplements.

Q5. Can I apply for an administrative supplement to a competitive revision?

A5. No, supplements cannot be requested on a competitive revision award. Supplements can only be issued to a parent award.

Q6. My NIH grant is not funded by the National Institutes of Health Office of the Director or one of the ICs signed on to the Parent Announcements (PA-20-272, PA-18-935). Can I apply to this NOSI?

A6. Yes. Applicants from any IC will be able to submit as long as they meet the other criteria outlined in the NOSI and enter the NOSI number in box 4b as instructed in Q3. While all ICs are not signed on to the Urgent Competitive Revision announcement (PA-18-935), the NOSI states

that the opportunity is available for relevant active NIH-supported grants. Any investigator with an active grant could apply for either an administrative supplement or competitive revision via this NOSI.

Q7. Can I add an additional principal investigator to an existing research team that will submit an administrative supplement application?

A7. No, you cannot add additional principal investigators to an existing single principal investigator or multiple principal investigator award as part of an administrative supplement application.

Q8. Can new investigators join an existing research team that will submit a supplement/competitive revision application?

A8. Yes. While the contact PI must be the same as the contact PI for the parent award, the contact PI can propose adding new members to the research team for the supplement/competitive revision. The contact PI can also propose new collaborators or community partners in the supplement/competitive revision application, and those partners don't already need to be part of the parent award.

Q9. Are secondary analyses of existing data eligible for funding under NOT-OD-21-071?

A9. Yes. If the proposed project fits within the areas of interest and other criteria outlined in the NOSI, investigators can submit an application that includes secondary analyses of existing data.

Q10. Can a single grant be awarded more than one supplement/competitive revision?

A10. Yes, as long as the scientific scope and aims of the proposed projects are sufficiently distinct.

Q11. How many years of support can I request under this NOSI?

A11. The mechanism is limited to 1 year of performance. A single extension, not to exceed 18 months, may be requested to complete the proposed work.

Q12. When will the funds for the supplements/competitive revisions be awarded?

A12. Awards are anticipated to be made in May 2021.

Q13. What are the budget caps for applications?

A13. Project budgets up to \$2,000,000 (Total Costs) will be considered. Applicants considering budget requests greater than \$250,000 (Direct costs) are strongly encouraged to consult with funding IC program staff prior to submitting the supplement/competitive revision request. ICs may allow applicants to request supplements for COVID-19 research with budgets that exceed

the parent award. Budgets must be reasonable and reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

Q14. Will all applications received in response to the NOSI be funded?

A14. Applications received in response to this NOSI will undergo review by the parent IC for compliance with terms of the grant award. The IC program staff and the NIH MM Task Force will review the eligible requests for relevance to the research areas of Implementing a Maternal health and PRenancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone (IMPROVE) as described in the NOSI. Only applications that meet those requirements will be considered for funding. Funding decisions will be made based on availability of funds.

Q15. How many applications will be funded?

A15. We anticipate funding approximately 5-10 applications, subject to quality and relevance of the applications received and availability of funds.

Q16. What is the anticipated turnaround time for applications to be reviewed and awardees to be notified?

A16. NIH anticipates announcing funding decisions in May.

Q17. How do I determine if the proposed Administrative Supplement is within scope of the parent award?

A17. Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their supplement ideas with the IC Program Official of the parent grant prior to submitting an application. This will ensure that the application fits within the scope of the parent award. If questions remain, POs should reach out to their MMTF POC for more information. (see list below)

Q18: What is the page limit for the Research Strategy section of the supplement/competitive revision application?

A18: The page limit is six pages.

Q19. My institution is currently restricting access to essential services only, so my lab is closed. Can I still apply for this NOSI, or do I have to wait for my institution to allow all labs to reopen?

A19. Yes, you can still apply to the NOSI. Please see the [central COVID-19 FAQ](#) for all questions related to current award flexibilities and grant award procedures. Please contact your Program Officer to discuss your specific situation.

Q20. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted my lab's operations. How will this affect award start dates, project performance periods, etc.?

A20. Please see the [central COVID-19 FAQ](#) for all questions related to current award flexibilities and grant award procedures. Please contact your program official to discuss your specific situation.

Q21. Can I propose a supplement/competitive revision for less than one year?

A21. Yes. The project period and budget should be commensurate with the needs of the proposed project.

Q22. If I am awarded a supplement/competitive revision with one year left on the parent award, may I request a no-cost extension of the parent award after the supplement is awarded?

A22. Yes. Recipients may request a no-cost extension on the parent award, even if a supplement/competitive revision has been awarded. If the request extends beyond the original project period of the parent award, then the parent award will be extended to align with the supplement/competitive revision.

Q23. Can I submit an application for research that will take place at a site outside of the United States?

A23. No. The performance site for the research must be in the U.S. The study population must also be within the U.S.