

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has released [guidance](#) regarding the NIH Fiscal Operations for FY 2015. The following NIH fiscal policies are instituted in FY 2015:

FY 2015 Funding Levels

Non-competing continuation awards that have already been made in FY 2015 were generally funded at levels below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level) as described in [NOT-OD-15-001](#). Such reductions may be fully or partially restored, depending on the Institute or Center. Non-competing continuation grants (research and non-research) including those that remain to be issued in FY 2015 likely will be made within the range between the commitment level indicated on the Notice of Award and 3 percent below that level. Out-year commitments for continuation awards in FY 2016 and beyond will remain unchanged. The NIH awarding Institutes/Centers (IC) will develop and post their fiscal policies consistent with overall NIH goals and available FY 2015 funds.

National Research Service Awards (NRSA)

Consistent with the 2015 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act and with the recommendations of the [Advisory Committee to the Director](#) regarding the [Biomedical Research Workforce](#), the NIH will increase NRSA stipends by 2 percent on average. The full range of stipend adjustments for FY 2015 is described at [NOT-OD-15-048](#).

New Investigators

NIH will continue to support new investigators on R01 equivalent awards at success rates comparable to that of established investigators submitting new (Type 1) R01 equivalent applications. Achievement of comparable success rates should permit the NIH to support new investigators in accordance with the policies established in FY 2009 and subsequent years as described in [NOT-OD-09-013](#).

Salary Limits

Section 203 of the 2015 [Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act](#) prohibits payments for salaries under grants and other extramural mechanisms in excess of [Executive Level II](#) currently set at \$181,500, *increasing to \$183,300 effective January 11, 2015*. See [NOT-OD-14-049](#) for additional information.

For additional details regarding NIH Fiscal Operations, please visit the NIH Extramural Financial Operations [page](#).

Questions?

Should you have any questions, please contact the [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.