Announcement: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for Scientific Review and National Institute of Mental Health will no longer offer a special deadline for new investigator resubmission applications. This change goes into effect starting with R01 applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2019.

Starting with R01 applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2019:

- NI R01 applications will be reviewed on the same timeline as other applications submitted to the same FOA.
- NI R01 applications will be clustered together for review within a meeting.
- Summary statements for all NI R01 applications will be prioritized: to the extent possible, they will be released before summary statements for other applications reviewed in the same meeting.
- In general, summary statements will be available no later than 30 days before council.
- A1 resubmission of NI R01 applications will be accepted on the resubmission due date of any Program Announcement (PA, PAR, or PAS), both standard and special due dates, that accepts resubmission applications. See the NIH Resubmission Policy for requirements and instructions.

Since 2007, NIH had provided new investigators the option of submitting R01 A1 resubmission applications for consecutive review cycles (“next round resubmission”) thinking it would enable new investigators to potentially resubmit applications more rapidly. The expectation was that the policy would accelerate funding for new investigators. However, utilization of the “next round resubmission” policy has been low and it has not made the impact on age of first R01 or in time to award, so NIH is discontinuing the policy.

For more information, see NOT-OD-19-053 or feel free to reach out to the DCG Officer assigned to your unit.