

NIH R21 Cheat Sheet

Applicants should use the MOST RECENT funding announcement. Please check the “Release/Posted Date” in the “Key Dates” section of the RFA/PA to ensure that it is up to date.

NOTE: Individual FOAs may contain specific instructions about content, format, or length that

x Clinical Trial Not Allowed: [P20-195](#)

x Clinical Trial Required: [PA20-194](#)

x Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required: [PA196](#)

2. Check the actual funding announcement to which you are responding to see if standard due dates apply (sometimes dates vary).

3. R21 Standard Due Dates:

Cycle 1: February 6 (AIDS/ AIDS Related: May 7)

Cycle 2: June 6 (AIDS/ AIDS Related: September 7)

Cycle 3: October 16 (AIDS/ AIDS Related: January 7)

4. Other Important Dates:

Scientific Merit Review Dates

Earliest Project Start Date

Cycle 1: September or December

Cycle 2: April

Cycle 3: July

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- x You may provide a URL to a full list of your published work. URL must be to a .gov website. NIH recommends using [My Bibliography](#). Providing a URL to a list of published work is not required.
- x Research Support List selected ongoing and completed (during the last three years) research projects (Federal or non-Federal support). Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and your overall responsibilities. Do not include number of person months or direct costs.

11. Specific Aims:

- x 1-page limit. The Specific Aims do NOT count toward your Re6 0 T0.007 Tw [(d)-9 (Ai)-h 8 (e (o

- Select Agent Research. A full discussion on the use of Select Agents should appear in this section. PIs must describe the biocontainment resources available at all performance sites.
- Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan (if applicable)
- Consortium/Contractual Arrangements (if applicable)
- Letters of Support
- Resource Sharing Plan(s).

Additional Resources

- x [R-Series Grants Tip Sheet](#) includes information about formatting requirements, where to find detailed instructions, and tips for writing the Research Plan for R01, R15, and R21 grants. Prepared by the UToledo Proposal Development team in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).
- x The Proposal Development team provides grant writing and editing support, and can direct you to templates, sample proposals, and other resources. Contact Eva English, Director of Grants Development and Strategic Partnerships, at Eva.English@utoledo.edu to request assistance.