



NICHD Grant Review Program

To encourage our Research Associates to apply for and be successful in acquiring funding through the Population Dynamics Branch (PDB) of the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), we are launching a program to provide external reviews of grant applications prior to submitting to the standard due dates for the PDB program. For more information about PDB and its funding priorities, please go to: <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb>; for PDB’s research programs and program officers, see: <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/programs> (the next page also has more details).

To apply to this review program, you must first submit a letter of intent package (LOI) that includes: 1) a short letter containing: a) the title of the project; b) a paragraph describing how this proposal fits with one or more of the funding priorities of NICHD; and c) an indication of whether you have discussed the project with a Program Officer at PDB and if so, any feedback you received; 2) your specific aims page (see page 86 of the following document for the NIH format -- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-f/research-forms-f.pdf>); 3) a list of 4 or 5 potential reviewers for this proposal; and 4) if this is a revised application, your reviews and priority score. You should submit these materials in **one .pdf file** to our Blackboard portal (at the top of Blackboard, next to Academics, click on “Community;” in the middle of the page, you will see “My Organizations;” click on the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis; submit your materials to the appropriate LOI program).

The CSDA Executive Committee will review the LOIs. Priority will be given to:

- Applications matching the funding priorities of PDB
- Applications that have received favorable feedback by a Program Officer at NICHD
- Applications that have already been reviewed by NICHD and were scored
- Junior faculty
- Underrepresented minority scholars
- Early career faculty that have never applied to NICHD

If the CSDA Executive Committee approves the LOI, applicants will be invited to submit their full proposal for a review to the Blackboard portal. Below are the deadlines for NICHD grants by mechanism and whether it is a new or resubmission, as well as the deadlines for the LOI and final proposal for the review:

Funding Mechanism	NICHD Standard Application Due Dates	LOI Due Dates to CSDA	If LOI Approved, Due Dates for Full Proposal
<i>New Grant</i>			
R01	February 5	November 5	December 28
	June 5	March 5	April 28
	October 5	July 5	August 28
R03 / R21	February 16	November 16	January 8
	June 16	March 16	May 8
	October 16	July 16	September 8
<i>Resubmission</i>			
R01	March 5	December 5	January 28
	July 5	April 5	May 28
	November 5	August 5	September 28
R03 / R21	March 16	December 16	February 8
	July 16	April 16	June 8
	November 16	August 16	October 8

The goal is to provide the PI with feedback from the external reviewer two weeks before the NICHD deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Samantha Friedman, Director of the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis at samfriedman@albany.edu.

PDB Research Programs (<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/programs>):

- **Adoption and Kinship Program:** Studies adoption and kinship as components of population dynamics and adoption as a population-level phenomenon
- **Biopsychosocial Program:** Examines integration of social science, behavioral, and biomedical approaches to understanding health
- **Data Sharing Program:** Includes documenting, archiving, and disseminating data within the scope of branch-supported projects
- **Demography of Health Program:** Includes population-representative studies of the interrelations between demographic processes and health and the health of populations
- **Family Demography and Intergenerational Research Program:** Studies relations between family processes and structure and the health, development, and productivity of the family
- **Fertility and Infertility Program:** Examines social, institutional, economic, and cultural contexts and processes that influence the quantity, timing, and circumstances of childbearing
- **Life Course Health Program:** Examines trajectories of health and mortality from pre-pregnancy through the reproductive years and transgenerational influences on health
- **Population Composition Program:** Studies economic, social, and demographic factors affecting the racial and ethnic composition of the United States and effects of racial and ethnic diversity on population health and health disparities
- **Population Economics Program:** Encourages research in population, behavioral, and health economics
- **Population Mobility and Spatial Demography Program:** Investigates population mobility and its consequences, and spatial dimensions of health and population change
- **Social and Behavioral Research on Reproductive Health Program:** Encompasses social and behavioral research on all aspects of reproductive health, including interventions designed to improve reproductive health
- **Data Sharing for Demographic Research (DSDR):** Offers infrastructure to facilitate data sharing while maintaining respondent confidentiality
- **Global Partnerships for Social Science and Behavioral Research on HIV/AIDS:** Aims to strengthen social and behavioral sciences research on HIV/AIDS in developing countries
- **Population Dynamics Research Infrastructure Program:** Aims to increase research impact, innovation, and productivity; develop junior scientists; and maximize the efficiency of research support
- **Population Dynamics Scientist Development Award Program:** Funds career development for junior-level researchers in population dynamics
- **Population Research Programs for New Investigators:** Includes training and career development programs for new investigators and scientists
- **Work, Family, Health, and Well-Being Initiative:** Examines the effects of workplace policies and practices related to work-family conflict on the health and well-being of workers, their families, and the organization/workplace

PDB Program Officers

Below are the three program officers within PDB, and the following website identifies which program officer is responsible for each research program -- <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/programs>:

- 1) Dr. Rosalind King -- <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/king>
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- 2) Dr. Regina Bures -- <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/bures>
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- 3) Dr. Juanita Chinn -- <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/der/branches/pdb/chinn>
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