



## Science Policy News July 2014

### **Revised NIH Policy on Application Resubmissions**

In mid-April 2014, NIH revised its application resubmission policy to allow new (A0) applications following an unsuccessful resubmission (A1) application without demonstrating substantial changes in scientific direction. This policy is effective immediately for application due dates after April 16, 2014. An application that was reviewed before April 16, 2014 can be submitted as a new (A0) application for any subsequent, appropriate due date, if the previous summary statement has been released. The new policy applies to a variety of research grants including: career development awards, individual fellowships, institutional training grants, resource grants, program projects, and center grants. However, any eligibility criteria or other requirements specified in the Funding Opportunity Announcement prevail.

NIH has determined that this change was needed since, in this challenging fiscal environment, many meritorious research applications were not funded during their first application. NIH will continue its existing policy of not accepting duplicate or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time. In addition, NIH will not accept a submission (A1) that is submitted later than 37 months after the original A0 application.

**The revised NIH policy as well as additional clarifications are available online for your review.**

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