

## **Guidelines for NIBIB P41 National Centers for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NCBIB) (Updated April 1, 2022)**

**These guidelines apply to all new, renewal, and resubmission applications.**

\*\*\* All NIBIB P41 applications must be submitted electronically. Applicants **must** utilize the NIH ASSIST system or use an institutional system-to-system (S2S) solution to prepare and submit P41 applications to Grants.gov.

**Budget:** Direct costs (excluding equipment) are limited to \$750,000 per year. Direct costs for equipment are limited to \$500,000 for the duration of the five-year project.

**Equipment:** P41s may reallocate some or part of their \$500K equipment allowance under two conditions:

1. Renewal applications that have already had a reallocation will be allowed to reallocate again for their next competing renewal up to an amount no more than the amount they reallocated in the prior competing segment. This is permitted for one competing renewal.
2. When reallocation would result in a cost-reduced program because it would obviate the need for equipment. F&A would be factored into the amount that may be reallocated so that NIBIB does provide more than \$500K in total. A waiver will be needed for such situations.

**Duration:** Support may be requested for up to five years. Applicants may submit a Renewal application. However, NIBIB NCBIB Awards will be **restricted to a total of fifteen years**.

**Applications requesting \$500,000 or more in direct costs for any year (excluding consortium F & A costs) must carry out the following steps:**

- A. Contact NIBIB program staff at least 16 weeks before submitting the application, i.e., as ideas and plans are being developed for the study.
- B. Submit a white paper to NIBIB Program staff at least **12 weeks** before the application deadline for internal evaluation of programmatic priority, mission fit, white paper components, eligibility, and budget.
- C. Upon approval, obtain an approval letter from the NIBIB staff.
- D. Must include this approval letter from NIBIB together with your application cover letter when submitting your electronic application.

More details about NIBIB P41 NCBIB guidelines can be found in [PAR-20-169](#).

General questions about the P41 program should be directed to Behrouz Shabestari, PhD.  
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For scientific program areas, questions should be directed to the program officer in the area of your application. See Scientific Program Areas <https://www.nibib.nih.gov/research-funding> within Divisions and Programs information and contacts.