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NIH Facilities and Other Resources Guidance

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The “Facilities & Other Resources” attachment is required unless otherwise specified in the FOA.

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Content:

Describe how the scientific environment in which the research will be done contributes to the probability of success (e.g., institutional support, physical resources, and intellectual rapport). In describing the scientific environment in which the work will be done, discuss ways in which the proposed studies will benefit from unique features of the scientific environment or from unique subject populations or how studies will employ useful collaborative arrangements.

If there are multiple performance sites, describe the resources available at each site.

Describe any special facilities used for working with biohazards and any other potentially dangerous substances. Note: Information about select agents must be described in the Research Plan, Select Agent Research.

For early stage investigators (ESIs), describe institutional investment in the success of the investigator. See NIH's New and Early Stage Investigator Policies. Your description may include the following elements:

- resources for classes, travel, or training;
- collegial support, such as career enrichment programs, assistance and guidance in the supervision of trainees involved with the ESI's project, and availability of organized peer groups;
- logistical support, such as administrative management and oversight and best practices training;
- financial support, such as protected time for research with salary support.

Note. For R15 applications, the following information must be included.

- A profile of the students of the applicant institution/academic component and any information or estimate of the number who have obtained a baccalaureate degree and gone on to obtain an academic or professional doctoral degree in the health-related sciences during the last five years. (ORSP has standard language for this section.)
- A description of the special characteristics of the institution/academic component that make it appropriate for an AREA grant, where the goals of the AREA program are to: (1) provide support for meritorious research; (2) strengthen the research environment of schools that have not been major recipients of NIH support; and (3) expose available undergraduate and/or graduate students in such environments to research.
- Description of the likely impact of an AREA grant on the PD(s)/PI(s).
- Description of the likely impact of an AREA grant on the research environment of the institution/academic component.
- Although it is expected that the majority of the research will be directed by the PD(s)/PI(s) and conducted at the grantee institution, limited use of special facilities or equipment at another institution is permitted. For any proposed research sites other than the applicant institution, provide a brief description of the resources and access students will need and have to these resources.
- If relevant, a statement of institutional support for the proposed research project (e.g., equipment, supplies, laboratory space, release time, matching funds, etc.).