



Revised New and Early Stage Investigator Policies

New Investigator policies, stemming from the NIH Enhancing Peer Review Initiative (see <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/index.html>), can be found in the Revised New and Early Stage Investigator Policy Announcement, located at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-013.html>. Under this new policy, the NIH intends to support New Investigators at success rates comparable to those for established investigators submitting new applications.

Early Stage Investigators (ESIs), as previously described on September 26, 2008 at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-121.html> should comprise a majority of the New Investigators supported. In addition, New Investigator applications will be clustered during review whenever possible. This notice also advises New Investigators and ESIs that these NIH New Investigator Policies are limited to applications for traditional research project grant (R01) support. For more information, such as the following definitions, see the Guide Notice and the related links:

New Investigator: In general, a Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is considered a New Investigator if he/she has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a significant NIH independent research award. For example, a PD/PI who has previously received a competing NIH R01 research grant is no longer considered a New Investigator. A complete definition of a New Investigator along with a list of NIH grants that do not disqualify a PD/PI from being considered a New Investigator can be found at:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/resources.htm.

Early Stage Investigator (ESI): An individual who is classified as a New or First-Time Investigator and is within 10 years of completing his/her terminal research degree or is within 10 years of completing medical residency (or the equivalent) is considered an Early Stage Investigator (ESI). More information on ESIs is available at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-121.html>