

Notice of Fiscal Policies in Effect for FY 2019

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Purpose

This Notice provides guidance about the NIH Fiscal Operations for FY 2019 and implements The Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 ([Public Law 115-245](#)), signed into law on September 28, 2018. With the passage of the Act, NIH received a 5.6 percent increase over the FY 2018 final funding level, for a total of \$39.3 billion in program level funding, including \$711,000,000 authorized under the 21st Century Cures Act and specific increases for Alzheimer's disease, the All of Us Research Program, and the BRAIN Initiative.

The following NIH fiscal policies are instituted in FY 2019:

FY 2019 Funding Levels: Non-competing continuation awards made in FY 2019 will generally be issued at the commitment level indicated on the Notice of Award. Any exceptions will be posted at the site listed under "Additional Information" below. Out-year commitments for continuation awards in FY 2020 and beyond will remain unchanged. The NIH awarding Institutes/Centers (IC) will develop and post their fiscal policies consistent with overall NIH goals and available FY 2019 funds.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA): Consistent with the recommendations of the [Advisory Committee to the Director](#) regarding the [Biomedical Research Workforce](#), the NIH will increase NRSA stipends by approximately 2 percent on average. The full range of stipend adjustments for FY 2019 is described in NOT-OD-19-036.

Next Generation Researchers Initiative Policy: NIH will prioritize meritorious R01-equivalent applications from ESI PD/PIs. By providing funding priority for ESIs, NIH intends to encourage funding applications that involve researchers earlier in their career in accordance with the policy established in FY 2017 and described at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-101.html>.

Salary Limits:Section 202 of the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 prohibits payments for salaries under grants and other extramural mechanisms in excess of [Executive Level II](#) currently set at \$189,600.

Other Legislative Mandates:Other statutory requirements are described in [NOT-OD-19-030](#) .

Additional Information: Additional details on Fiscal Operations, including specific funding strategies for ICs will be posted at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/financial/index.htm>.