Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers

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Research Supplements to Promote Re-Entry into Biomedical and Behavioral Research Careers

• **Current FOA:** PA-18-592

• **Purpose:** Support individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after an interruption for family responsibilities or other qualifying circumstances*.

• Encourage individuals to re-enter research careers within the missions of all the program areas of NIH.

• Provide supplements to existing NIH research grants for the purpose of supporting full-time or part-time research by these individuals to update their existing research skills and knowledge.
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• Currently supported by 26 Institutes or Centers.

• Supports over 50 activity codes including SBIR/STTR, Cooperative Agreements, Pioneer and Innovative awards.

• Should not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial.

• Does allow for research experience in a clinical trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.
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Usage Data
Women & Men Applicants

Number of Applications

- 2012: 100%
- 2013: 83%
- 2014: 79%
- 2015: 64%
- 2016: 68%
- 2017: 89%
- 2018: 87%
- 2019: 70%
- 2020: 76%

She: Blue
He: Red
Percent Contribution by Institute/Center

Institute or Center
AA - Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
AG - Aging
AI - Allergy and Infectious Disease
AR - Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
AT - Complementary and Integrative Health
CA - National Cancer Institute
DA - Drug Abuse
DC - Deafness and other Communication Disorders
DE - Dental and Craniofacial Research
DK - Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
EB - Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
ES - Environmental Health Sciences
EY - National Eye Institute
GM - General Medical Sciences
HD - Child Health and Human Development
HL - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
MH - Mental Health
NS - Neurological Disorders and Stroke
TR - National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
Support individuals after an interruption for family responsibilities or other qualifying circumstances*

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- **OLD**: Examples of qualifying interruptions would include a complete or partial hiatus from research activities for child rearing; an incapacitating illness or injury of the candidate, spouse, partner, or a member of the immediate family; relocation to accommodate a spouse, partner, or other close family member; pursuit of non-research endeavors that would permit earlier retirement of debt incurred in obtaining a doctoral degree; and military service.

- **REVISED**: Examples of qualifying interruptions include, but are not limited to, a complete or partial hiatus from research activities for child rearing; an incapacitating illness or injury of the candidate, spouse, partner, or a member of the immediate family; leaving a research position because of an unsafe or discriminatory environment; relocation to accommodate a spouse, partner, or other close family member; pursuit of non-research endeavors that would permit earlier repayment of debt incurred in obtaining a doctoral degree; and military service.
Other Revisions

• Duration of interruption
  - Current language: duration of the career interruption should be at least one year and no more than eight years.
  - Revised language: duration of the career interruption should be at least six months and no more than eight years.

• Flexibilities (while not specific in language)
  - Duration of interruption
  - Postdoc eligibility
  - Others as meet mission of IC
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Re-Entry Supplement Renewal

**Objective:** Support eligible grantees to apply for administrative supplements to research grants to support individuals with high potential to re-enter an active research career after an interruption for family responsibilities or other qualifying circumstances.

**Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards:** The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

**Award Project Period:** The project and budget periods must be within the currently approved project period for the existing parent award.

**Council Action:** Vote for support of the renewal for the Re-Entry Supplement Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).