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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Answers for RFA-MD-13-005, *Limited Competition: Revision Applications for Basic Social and Behavioral Research on the Social, Cultural, Biological, and Psychological Mechanisms of Stigma (R01)***

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-13-005.html>

**Eligibility**

- **I have an idea for a project but I don't have a current R01. Can I submit my project as a new application under this RFA?**

*No, new applications will not be accepted under this RFA. Only applications from current R01 grantees will be accepted. Investigators who do not have current R01s may consider collaborating with a colleague with an active R01 award to submit a revision application.*

- **I have a current U01 award (or R21, P30, K01, or other activity code). Can I apply to this RFA?**

*No. This funding opportunity is only available for current R01 grantees.*

**Investigators**

- **I want to submit an application with a colleague who has an R01. Can I be the PI of the revision application?**

*The PI(s) on the revision application must be the same as on the existing R01 award.*

**Focus of Research**

- **My R01 isn't about stigma. Can I still apply?**

*Yes. Existing R01 projects are not required to be about stigma, but they should be able to logically and feasibly incorporate research on stigma mechanisms into the project.*

- **The RFA says that it will support projects “that elucidate mechanisms underlying stigma that are relevant across health conditions or stigmatized**

**statuses.” Does this mean I need to include multiple stigmatized groups in my project?**

*No. Applications may focus on multiple stigmatized groups or a single group, but it should be clearly articulated how the findings generated will be relevant across different stigmatized groups. The goal of the RFA is to support projects with wide applicability across stigmatized groups rather than on condition- or population-specific manifestations of stigma.*

- **Do the new research activities need to be within the scope of my current R01 or can I propose something different?**

*Unlike administrative supplements, competitive revisions do not require that the activities are within the original scope or aims of the parent R01. However, the proposed activities should relate to the topic of the parent R01 as a significant expansion or extension of the approved scope or research protocol. A competitive revision should not be used to support a project that is entirely unrelated to the R01 project.*

- **I would like to propose a research activity that actually is within the scope of my R01 but I don't have funds to support it. Can I submit a revision application to support this activity?**

*The proposed activities should be new activities that were not proposed in the original R01 application. A competitive revision should not be used to cover unanticipated costs required to complete the original study aims or to restore funding to original levels after administrative reductions by the funding NIH Institute or Center.*

### **Application Format and Content**

- **My grant will have less than 12 months left in the project period at the time of the Earliest Start Date listed in the RFA. Can I submit an application for less than 12 months?**

*Yes. The length of the proposed project should be consistent with the scale and scope of work proposed and the number of months left in the currently awarded parent project period.*

- **I'm not sure how to structure the application. What sections should describe the parent grant and what sections should describe the activities proposed for the revision?**

*The [SF424 Application Guide](#) provides information about how to structure a revision application, including the following:*

- *A revision application requires a one-page Introduction to the Application that describes the nature of the revision and how it will influence the specific aims, research design, and methods of the parent grant.*
- *The body of the application should contain sufficient information from the original grant application to allow evaluation of the proposed revision in relation to the goals of the original application.*
- *A progress report should be included in the Research Strategy that describes progress made on the parent grant for the period covered since the last competitive review.*
- *A Progress Report Publication List should be included with any publications, patents, and other printed materials produced since the last competitive review.*
- *For clinical research, any proposed additions to the Targeted/Planned Enrollment Table should be provided, in addition to the Inclusion Enrollment Report, should be provided.*
- *The Budget and Budget Justification pages should include only those items for which additional funds are requested.*

### **Peer Review and Post-award**

- **The stigma research activities that we're proposing are a better fit for a different NIH Institute/Center than the one managing our parent R01. Can we request that the revision application be assigned to a different NIH Institute/Center?**

*No, all revision applications will be automatically assigned to the NIH Institute or Center that supports the parent R01.*

- **What happens if we aren't able to finish the project during the budget period in which it was awarded? Will the funds be carried over?**

*Funds provided through a competitive revision may be carried over just as funds from the parent R01 are, in accordance with the policies of the NIH and of the NIH Institute or Center supporting the parent R01. However, applicants should not submit research plans or budgets that span more than 12 months.*

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