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## Scientific Editing and Research Communication Core

### What are NIH Diversity Supplements?



**NIH Diversity Supplements** are administrative awards that provide an opportunity to obtain career development support for candidates from populations underrepresented in the scientific workforce. Here we provide additional information about the benefits of diversity supplements, who is eligible, and what the application entails.

#### Benefits to the candidate, PI, and institution:

- Add funds to an existing parent award (may apply to >70 NIH activity codes, but check the policy of the relevant NIH institute)
- Are not reviewed by study sections so decisions are relatively quick (~12 weeks)
- Provide salary support, general supplies, and travel expenses ([examples in NIDA FAQ](#))
- Can help the candidate establish a relationship with a mentor
- Can help the candidate develop scientific and career skills
- Can serve as springboard for future awards (e.g., Career Development (K), Fellowship (F))
- Have high success rates
- Can be used by the PI to expand and enhance collaboration
- Can strengthen research and funding portfolios of the institution

#### Who is eligible:

- Individuals at career levels ranging from high school students through investigators/faculty
- Individuals who:
  - are from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis (based on [NSF report](#))
  - have a disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities
  - are from a disadvantaged background (must fit two or more [criteria](#))
- Individuals from racial or ethnic groups that can be convincingly demonstrated to be underrepresented at the grantee institution may also be eligible.

#### What needs to be submitted:

Although requirements vary by NIH institute, generally the following documents are required:

- Specific Aims page or summary of the parent award
- Candidate Eligibility Statement
- Candidate's statement outlining career goals
- Career Development Plan
- Mentorship Plan
- Research Plan
- Research Environment
- Biosketches (PI, candidate)
- Proposed budget and justification

If you are interested in learning more about strategies for applying for diversity supplements, feel free to [contact us](#).

Regards,  
Chris Blaumueller and the SERCC Team

#### Additional Resources:

- [Information about how NIH promotes a diverse scientific workforce](#)
- [NIH programs to help prepare the research workforce for tomorrow](#)
- [Diversity Supplement and re-entry program guidelines](#)

### Upcoming Opportunities

**Need to make a schematic figure for your next grant or manuscript?** [Contact us](#) to check out our BioRender loaner license for a week.

#### Hardin Open Workshops: Data Management Essentials

Oct 6, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm (Zoom)

In this workshop, you will learn how to securely store and organize data, track changes to your files, create accompanying documentation, and submit your data for publication. These strategies will be directly applicable to developing Data Management and Sharing Plans, which will be required by the NIH starting Jan 25, 2023.

[Register or request a session for your group](#)

#### Hardin Open Workshops: NIH Data Management and Sharing Plans

Oct 20, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm (Zoom)

Nov 9, 10:00 am–11:00 am (Zoom)

These plans will be required for all NIH funding proposals starting Jan. 25, 2023. This session will help you create a well-written plan by digging into: the types of data in your proposed project; standards for data and metadata; how to select a repository; how to address preservation and access requirements; and considerations for accessing, reusing, and redistributing data. Examples and UI and NIH resources will be discussed. Bring your draft plan if you have one.

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#### 2022 UI Research Services Fair (RSF)

Oct 20, 1:00 pm–4:30 pm at Hancher Auditorium

Hosted by the UI Research Development Office, this event brings together experts from over 55 units to share information about resources available to the UI community. Meet campus experts in cutting-edge instrumentation, technology services, grant and manuscript editing, human subjects recruitment, patents and licensing, as well as representatives from various research centers and institutes. Researchers of all levels (faculty, staff, post-docs, students) are welcome.

[Register here](#)

#### Maximizing Pivot to Find Funding and Collaborators

Oct 25, 10:00 am–11:00 am (Zoom)

Join staff of the UI Research Development Office to learn how Pivot can save you time and effort in identifying the right funding opportunities for your research, as well as identifying collaborators with the relevant expertise.

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#### Technology Commercialization Series

Nov 3 & Feb 2, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm (Zoom)

Dec 8 & Mar 2, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm (Zoom)

The UI Research Foundation (UIRF) offers the courses "Disclosure and Intellectual Property (IP)" and "Licensing and Commercialization" to UI faculty, staff, and students. These courses are independent of one another and discussion based. Participants do not need to be currently working with the UIRF and are encouraged to bring questions.

- [Video](#) "How has a diversity supplement from NIA impacted your career?"
- [Video](#) "Applying for NIH Diversity Supplements" (Tips from past awardees)

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**OVPB Resource Library: Learn from Successful Examples**

Find examples of successful proposals (including NIH Diversity Supplements) to various funding agencies.

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