

NIH FISCAL POLICY FOR GRANT AWARDS – FY 2016

NIH recently provided guidance for their Fiscal Operations for FY 2016 implementing the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113), which was signed by President Obama on December 18, 2015. With the passage of the Act, NIH has \$32.31 billion in budget authority which is an increase of \$2 billion over FY 2015. With this, the following NIH fiscal policies are instituted for FY 2016:

FY 2016 Funding Levels: Non-competing continuation awards that have already been made in FY 2016 were generally funded at levels below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award. In general, such reductions will be fully restored, and non-competing continuation grants (research and non-research) including those that remain to be issued in FY 2016 will be made at the commitment level indicated on the Notice of Award. Out-year commitments for continuation awards in FY 2017 and beyond will remain unchanged.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA): NIH will increase NRSA stipends by approximately 2 percent on average. The full range of stipend adjustments for FY 2016 are described in [Notice NOT-OD-16-047](#). In addition, as detailed in the Notice, Training Related Expenses and Institutional Allowance for postdoctoral trainees and fellows have been increased to \$8,850.

New Investigators: NIH will continue to support new investigators on R01 equivalent awards at success rates comparable to that of established investigators submitting new (Type 1) R01 equivalent applications.

Salary Limits: Section 202 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 prohibits payments for salaries under grants and other extramural mechanisms in Excess of Executive Level II, which was recently increased to \$185,100 effective January 10, 2016. [See NOT-OD-16-045](#) for additional information.