

THE INSTITUTES/CENTERS

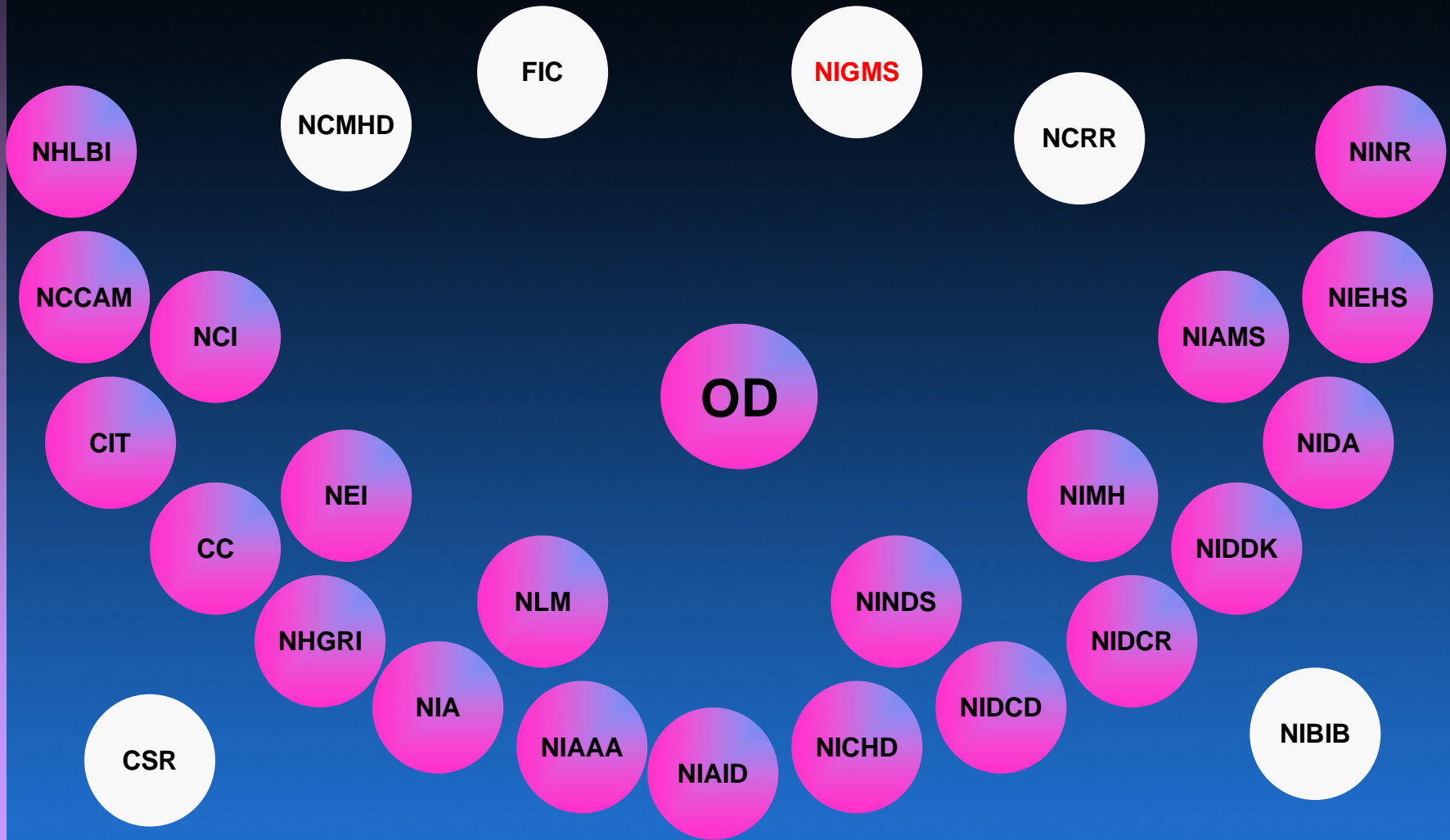
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Medical Sciences**

DHHS

NIH

NIGMS

NIH consists of 27 Institutes and Centers



● = Extramural only

THE INSTITUTES/CENTERS

- **Different missions, responsibilities, and constituencies**
- **Have direct responsibility for funding research and training relevant to their mission**
- **Differences in philosophy and practice**
- **Funding decisions based upon criteria – foremost is peer review of scientific merit**

INSTITUTE/CENTER STAFF

- Program
- Grants Management
- Public Liaison and Communication
- Scientific Review Administrators
- Support
- Senior Administration

WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF PROGRAM STAFF?

Administration

Advocate

Resource

Stewardship

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL TO NIH

- Pre-application
- Submission through review
- Post-review through National Advisory Council meeting
- Funding decisions
- Administration or Revision

SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL TO NIH

WHEN

WHAT

WHO*

-3-6 months	PREAPPLICATION
0	SUBMISSION
+ 2 months	REFERRAL
+ 4 months	REVIEW
+ 5-6 months	SUMMARY STATEMENT
+ 7 months	COUNCIL
+ 8 months	FUNDING DECISIONS
+ 9 months	AWARD - or - NOT
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	PROGRESS REAPPLY
	REPORTS

SRA/PD

SRA

PD

* Who to contact at NIH: Scientific Review Administrator (SRA) or Program Director (PD)

PREAPPLICATION

- **INFORMATION SOURCES**

- NIH Web site: <http://www.nih.gov>
- E-Mail: **GrantsInfo@nih.gov**
- Databases: **CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects)**
- NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts
- **NIH staff**
- **Colleagues, mentors**

SUBMISSION

- **COVER LETTERS - “self- referral”**
 - **Suggest study section(s) for review**
 - **Suggest Institute(s)/Center(s) for potential funding**
 - **Describe unusual expertise needed for review**
 - **Identify any conflicts**

HOW PROGRAM STAFF CAN HELP IN UNDERSTANDING THE SUMMARY STATEMENT

Interpretation

Insight

Perspective

Prognosis

APPEALS PROCESS

- Can appeal significant errors or flaws in review**
- Can appeal budget reductions, reductions in time**
- NOT for differences in scientific opinion**
- Outcomes: defer for re-review
concur with review, “reach”**

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

- **Second stage of two-tier process**
- **Address appeals, staff concerns for all applications that round**
- **Advise on priorities and policies for Institute/Center**
- **Panel of nationally known scientists and non-scientists**

FUNDING DECISIONS

- **Made in Institute/Center, not study section**
- **Factors considered:**
 - **Scientific Merit**
 - **Institute/Center Priorities (for example, new investigators)**
 - **Availability of Funds**
 - **Other Support**
 - **PAs and RFAs**

FUNDING DECISIONS

- **Different Institutes/Centers have different paylines!**
- **Budget adjustments**
- **Just-in-time information**
- **Delayed decision-making**
- **Partial awards**

IF YOU NEED TO REAPPLY

- **Read review carefully**
- **Respond constructively**
- **Limited to 3 total tries**
- **Take time to prepare STRONG revision**
- **Reapplication is common!!**

PROGRESS REPORTS

- **Report Scientific Progress**
- **Report Significant Changes**
- **Keep in Contact!**
 - Learn Institute/Center interests
 - Call with specific questions
 - Always cite specific source of support (i.e. R01 GM0XXXXX)

ADVICE

- Plan, plan, plan
- Acquire and use resources
- Feedforward, not feedback – especially from mentor(s)!
- Communicate

ADVICE

- Application is a “clean” complete, coherent story – no tolerance for errors in document
- Don’t assume that reviewers know everything

ADVICE

- View summary statement as guide, not adversary
- Have a long range perspective – “a roadmap” to the future

K99/R00 PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

- **Hybrid Award—An initial 1-2 year K and up to 3 years of independent support.**
- **Who is eligible? Outstanding postdoctoral fellows who have no more than 5 years of postdoctoral research training at the time of initial application.**

K99/R00 PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

- **Citizens and non-citizens are eligible**
- **Budgets-Calculated as total costs.
\$90,000 maximum during the
mentored period. \$249,000 during
the independent period.**

K99/R00 PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

- **NIH expects 150 to 200 awards during fiscal year 2007.**
- **First submission date-April 7 (afterwards submission dates are standard)**

NEW INVESTIGATORS

- **NIH realizes the importance of new investigators**
- **New investigators are the future**
- **Many of the Institutes use extended paylines for new investigators**
- **Check with the relevant Institutes for specific details**

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