

## **NIH** funding opportunities



Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences: Research Development and Support

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The NIH funding opportunities listed below are only a **selection** of pre-screened, currently open health funding opportunities for which **South African institutions are eligible to apply**. For a comprehensive selection of NIH funding opportunities, please visit **www.grants.nih.gov** or **www.sun.ac.za/RDSfunding** (current & archive).

Confirm your intent to apply ASAP

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## **Important Notice**

<u>NOT-OD-20-087</u> Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19. The purpose of this notice is to provide guidance outlining the flexibilities available to recipients conducting NIH-funded clinical trials and human subject studies, that are impacted by the <u>declared public health emergency</u> for COVID-19.

NIH recognizes the significant effects that this emergency is having on NIH-funded clinical trials and other human subjects studies. Grant Recipients will likely encounter delays to ongoing research based on the effects of COVID-19.

- Delays in financial & Progress Reports: As outlined in NOT-OD-20-086, recipients may submit late financial and progress reports, if research is delayed due to COVID-19, and may carryover unobligated balances on active grants without requesting prior approval.
- Delays in Research Progress: To support participant health and safety, and continuity of research during this public
  health emergency, NIH will allow for additional extensions, including mid-project period extensions, for awards
  supporting NIH-funded clinical trials and human subjects research. Recipients should contact the awarding Institute or
  Center
- Unanticipated Costs incurred: As a result of COVID-19, recipients may incur unanticipated costs. If unanticipated costs are identified due to impacts of COVID-19, and unobligated balances are not available to rebudget, recipients may request administrative supplements from the funding ICs: <u>PA-18-591</u> Administrative Supplements to Existing NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements (Parent Admin Supp Clinical Trial Optional. ICs will make funding decisions on a case by case basis in an effort to support the safety and welfare of participants and sustain research during any delays.

Unanticipated costs examples:

- Costs incurred to arrange for participants to receive care at their local sites or virtually, rather than the study site, for required visits.
- Supply chain disruptions
- o Personnel disruptions due to illness or closure of facilities
- Additional lab testing (e.g. for COVID-19)
- Increased transportation costs