

Title: NIH HIGH PRIORITY, SHORT-TERM PROJECT AWARD (R56)

Application Deadlines: N/A

Scope of Support: Amounts can range up to IRG recommended level and will be funded with indirect costs at the negotiated rate.

Length of Support: One to two years or when the applicant succeeds in obtaining a traditional research project grant.

Eligible applicants: Investigators do not apply for an R56 grant. Applications for conversion to an R56 will be selected by NIH Institutes and Centers (IC) staff from reviewed R01 grants pending award for the current fiscal year.

Agency/ Department: National Institutes of Health: NIAID, NCI, NIAAA, NCCAM, NIA, NIEHS, NIDDK, NIDA, NIAMS, NLM.

Summary: The R56 award will provide limited, interim research support based on the merit of the pending application. This support is designed to enable the Principal Investigator to gather additional data for revision of the current application. These awards will underwrite highly meritorious applications and will be funded at levels set by IC, which can range up to levels recommended by the initial review group and approved by Council. The R56 award will help early career stage scientists trying to establish research careers as well as experienced scientists who can benefit from interim funding while they revise their applications.

Competing applications prepared and submitted in accordance with NIH procedures, will be peer reviewed, assigned a priority score and in most cases will receive a percentile ranking. The IC will nominate applications for conversion to an R56 from the pool of R01 applications pending award for the current fiscal year. Nominees for the award must be in the most meritorious half of the priority or percentile range. Previously approved, but inactivated, applications from this time period may be considered and, if awarded, will be converted to an R56.

Detailed Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/r56.htm>