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SuRE Program Objectives

To support research capacity building at resource-limited higher education institutions by funding investigator-initiated biomedical research that falls within the mission areas of the NIH

- Provide research grant support for faculty investigators

- Furnish students with high-quality research experiences

- Enhance and enrich the institutional scientific research culture

Institutional Eligibility for SuRE Awards

- Award BA/BS and/or graduate degrees in biomedical sciences

- Receive less than $6M/year (total costs) from NIH Research Project Grants (RPG) in the past 2 years as determined using NIH RePORTER

- Enroll more than 25% undergraduate students supported by Pell grants as determined in the IPEDS database OR be an HBCU or TCU

- Hold fewer than 20 active SuRE, SC1, and SC3 SCORE awards (renewal applications are allowed)

- There is no limit on the number of SuRE-First grants that can be held by an institution

For assistance with determining eligibility, contact SuRE Resource Center

Supported Research Areas, Review, and Funding

- Proposed projects may cover any area of biomedical research supported by all NIH Institutes and Centers (ICs)

- Applications assigned to NIAID will be reviewed by NIAID; all other applications will be reviewed by NIGMS

- Meritorious applications in all research areas will be considered for funding by NIGMS and other participating NIH ICs

Application Due Dates

Two application due dates per year for SuRE and SuRE-First applications
NEW FOR BOTH NOFOs

FY	Due Date	Scientific Review	Council	HIV/AIDS Due Date
2025	May 29, 2024	November 2024	January 2025	September 7, 2024
	September 27, 2024	March 2025	May 2025	January 7, 2025
2026	May 28, 2025	November 2025	January 2026	September 7, 2025
	September 29, 2025	March 2026	May 2026	January 7, 2026
2027	May 27, 2026	November 2026	January 2027	September 7, 2026
	September 28, 2026	March 2027	May 2027	January 7, 2027

SuRE
PAR-24-144

SuRE-First
PAR-24-145

Award Budget
- $100,000 direct costs/year
- Maximum 4-year project period
- Renewable

PI Eligibility
- Must have a full-time tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent faculty appointment
- Cannot be the PI of an active NIH RPG
  - R01, R35, U01, P01, R21, R03, R00, R15
  - Grants in NCE are considered as active grants
  - SCORE, SuRE, and SuRE-First awardees may apply in their last year of funding

Award Budget
- $125,000 direct costs/year
- Maximum 4-year project period
- Not renewable

PI Eligibility
- Must have a full-time tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent faculty appointment
- Has never been the PI of an externally-funded, peer reviewed research grant from any source (including SCORE)

Required Application Components

- The Research Strategy (6 pages) must include a Student Involvement Plan

- SuRE and SuRE-First applications must include the following attachments:
  - Institutional Letter outlining its strategic plans for building research capacity and fostering research excellence
  - Institutional Letter of Support for the PD/PI's Research Career Development

- SuRE-First applications must include two additional attachments:
  - PD/PI Research Enhancement Plan
  - Prior, Current, and Pending Support for the PD/PI

- SuRE-First applicant must also:
  - Have a mentor from a domestic institution
  - Include a signed letter of support from the mentor in the application
  - Devote at least 6 CM per year to the project

- Preliminary data not required in SuRE-First application; if provided, will be reviewed

Data Management Sharing Plan (NOT-OD-22-189)

- Purpose to emphasize good data management practices and set the expectation for maximizing the sharing of scientific data generated by NIH-funded research awards (NOT-OD-21-013)

- New requirement for applications submitted after January 25, 2023 – *reviewed by Program staff*

- The description of the elements to be included in the DMS Plan can be found in the NIH Scientific Data Sharing webpage

- DMS Plan includes Data Management and Genomic Data Sharing (removed from the Resource Sharing Plan, which is still required)

- DMS Plan (2 pages maximum) should be included in the "Other Plan(s)" attachment

- If a budget is requested for DMS Plan implementation (expected to be rare), it should be included in the modular budget

- Use DMS Plan Expectations for NIGMS Grantees website as a resource

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Allowable and Unallowable Costs

✓ Costs essential to conduct the research project, such as salaries of PI, students, technicians, equipment, supplies, fees-for-service

✓ Travel costs

✓ Collaborators may be paid a salary or compensation appropriate to their roles

✓ Consultants may be paid a reasonable honorarium commensurate with their roles

Ⅹ Support for foreign institutions, foreign research services, foreign collaborators, consultants, or foreign components/consortia, is not allowed (except as fee-for-service)

Administrative and Scientific Review

Administrative Review

- Eligibility and compliance are evaluated by Program Officers and Scientific Review Officers

- Ineligible or non-compliant applications are withdrawn. To avoid this:
    - Read the NOFO carefully and pay close attention to eligibility criteria and required components
    - Submit your application a few days prior to a due date, then check your application and edit it if needed

Scientific Review

- Applications are clustered by research area into Special Emphasis Panels

- Three reviewers are assigned to each application and provide preliminary scores

- Panel discusses applications in the top half of scoring and all panelists vote

- Each applicant receives a Summary Statement with the reviewers' critiques, and if the application was discussed, a resume of the discussion

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Thank you!

Questions?