



NIGMS Phasing Out P01, Replacing with RM1

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will be phasing out the P01 funding mechanism and replacing it with the RM1 mechanism. A Funding Opportunity Announcement is expected in September, with a due date of approximately January 2018. It is not yet clear if other institutes will follow.

[NIGMS' new Collaborative Program Grant](#) is designed to support highly integrated, multidisciplinary research teams of three to six investigators who will address complex research questions, train and mentor new scientists, and impact scientific problems that would benefit from coordinated research support. The key application requirements are a single, integrated research program without subprojects and a multiple-principal investigator management plan. NIGMS expects to issue a funding opportunity announcement by the summer and, beginning in 2018, we will make four to six awards per year with annual direct costs ranging from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million. They plan to phase out the use of the P01, and most of the other center mechanisms. NIGMS will continue to support capacity building centers, such as those of the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) program, and to support the AIDS-Related Structural Biology program centers.

[RM1](#): To support a large-scale research project with a complex structure that cannot be appropriately categorized into an available single component activity code. The performance period may extend up to seven years, but only through the established deviation request process. ICs desiring to use this activity code for programs greater than 5 years must receive OPERA prior approval through the deviation request process.