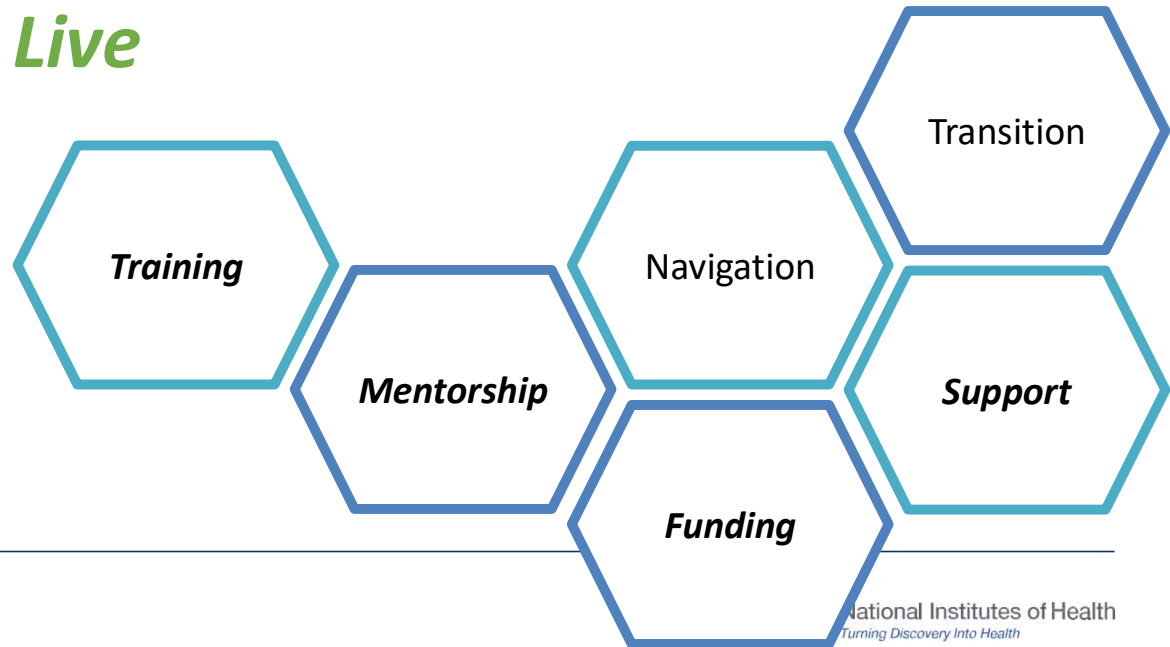


NIH Next Generation Research Initiative: Training Future Biomedical Researchers



After Hours Conversation Live



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Important Resources

- **Scientific Workforce Diversity**

- <https://diversity.nih.gov>

- **NGRI Website**

- <https://grants.nih.gov/ngri.htm>

- **NGRI Policies Impacting Early Career Investigators**

- <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>

- **Programs for Early Career Investigators**

- <https://researchtraining.nih.gov/career/early-career>

- **FAQs:** <https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/early-investigators.htm>

- **Information on ESI Extension Requests**

- https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/ESIE_ext/Default.htm#cshid=4
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fr9gN7cymQ&feature=youtu.be>
- [Instructions: Early-Stage Investigator Program Overview \(nih.gov\)](#)

- **COVID-related Extensions**

- [NOT-OD-21-052: Reminder Requesting Extensions for Early Career Scientists Whose Career Trajectories Have Been Significantly Impacted by COVID-19 \(nih.gov\)](#)
- <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/04/09/can-esi-status-be-extended-due-to-disruptions-from-covid-19/>

- **Nexus Blog –**

- [Data on Implementing NIH’s Next Generation Researchers Initiative – NIH Extramural Nexus](#)

- **NIH Reporter & Matchmaker Tool**

- <https://reporter.nih.gov>; <https://reporter.nih.gov/matchmaker>



Welcome!

The Scientific Workforce Diversity (SWD) Office leads NIH's effort to diversify the national scientific workforce and expand recruitment and retention. We invite you on this journey to establish NIH as the national scientific workforce diversity leader by widening and deepening our ways of thinking and practice. As a nation, we can reach new levels of inquiry by encouraging innovative, science-driven thinking made possible by broadening the diversity of thought that comes with a diverse scientific workforce.

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Early Stage Investigator (ESI) Status

What is ESI?
NIH defines an **Early Stage Investigator (ESI)** as a Program Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) who has completed their terminal research degree or end of post graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 12 years and who has not previously completed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award.

What is the benefit of having an ESI status?
ESI applications with meritorious scores will be prioritized for funding by the institute or center receiving the application.

How can I check if I have an ESI status?
Check the Education section of your eRA Commons profile. ESI status is determined automatically by functionality built into eRA Commons. The status is based on the investigator's record of receiving NIH grants and the completion date of their terminal research degree or the completion of post graduate clinical training entered into the eRA Commons personal profile.

Where can I find out more?
You can find more information here:
<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm>
Related NEXUS posts: <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/04/09/can-esi-status-be-extended-due-to-disruptions-from-covid-19/>
FAQs: <https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/early-investigators.htm>

Will I lose ESI status if...

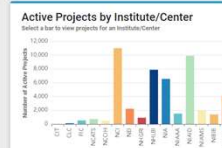
YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been more than 12 years since my terminal research degree or end of post graduate clinical training and I have not experienced situations that qualify for an ESI extension request. (See these FAQs about ESI Extension.)
MAYBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am the PD/PI (or multi-PD/PI) on an NIH award. Yes, if you successfully completed a PD/PI for a substantial independent research award. No, if you are the PD/PI of an award on our list of smaller grants & awards that preclude ESI status.
NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am the PD/PI (or multi-PD/PI) on a multi-project award. Yes, if you successfully completed a PD/PI for the overall multi-project application. No, if you held a component but were not the PD/PI of the overall application. I am a Co-Investigator on the grant (NIH only recognizes subawards with the role PD/PI as principal investigator.) I am the PD/PI on a subaward or subcontract. I became the PD/PI due to a change of investigator status, if you did not complete successfully as the PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award (you won't lose status.)

Early Stage Investigator Policies

This page provides information on the NIH Next Generation Researchers Initiative (ESIs).

On This Page:

- Policy Summary
- Background
- Determination of Investigator Status
- Extension of ESI Status
- Special Programs
- History of Related NIH Policies
- Related Data



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