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We are pleased to share the following opportunities as part of our commitment to helping Research-Active Institutions navigate and access NIH resources. We encourage you to explore these and forward them to your eligible colleagues. The opportunities are:

- NIA Start-Up Challenge and Accelerator
- New NIH Notice of Funding Opportunity for Resource-Limited Institutions
- Updated Office of Extramural Research Grants and Funding Website

#### **NIA Start-Up Challenge and Accelerator**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) [Start-Up Challenge and Accelerator](#) is accepting applications for the 2025 cohort through December 9. This immersive five-month program supports early-stage research entrepreneurs aspiring to develop and commercialize products that promote healthy aging.

The NIA Start-Up Challenge provides:

- Funding: Up to \$75,000 in cash prizes
- Expert guidance: Entrepreneurial training, one-on-one mentorship, and pitch coaching

- Valuable connections: Virtual and in-person networking with key industry partners
- Grant support: Expert-led guidance on the SBIR/STTR application and submission process

Visit the [Challenge webpage](#) to explore key dates, eligibility requirements, and evaluation criteria. Contact [NIASStartUpChallenge@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NIASStartUpChallenge@mail.nih.gov) with any questions.

If you're interested in supporting the Challenge as a mentor, [learn more and complete the mentor application](#).

### **New NIH Notice of Funding Opportunity for Resource-Limited Institutions**

The [Biomedical Research Environment & Sponsored Program Administration Development \(BRE-SPAD\) Program](#) (PAR-24-268) aims to promote broad participation in biomedical research by supporting eligible Resource-Limited Institutions to conduct research, enhance their research environments, and increase sponsored programs administration capacity.

BRE-SPAD will support the needs of organizations in different stages of biomedical research capacity building. All applications should propose plans in at least two of the following developmental funding areas:

1. Sponsored Programs Administration Development: For activities to increase sponsored programs administration capabilities.
2. Research Environment: For activities to cultivate growth in research and research education.
3. Pilot Research Project Program: For the development of a program to administer internal pilot research project funding to faculty conducting biomedical research with the goal of generating preliminary data to enhance external funding competitiveness.

See Section III of [PAR-24-268](#) for complete eligibility information. Contact [NIGMSBRE-SPAD@nigms.nih.gov](mailto:NIGMSBRE-SPAD@nigms.nih.gov) with questions about this opportunity.

**Updated Office of Extramural Research Grants and Funding Website**

The NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER) updated its [grants and funding website](#) to enhance understanding of the NIH grants process and make it easier for users to find critical information. Highlights include:

- [New to NIH](#): Describes NIH and its structure regarding the grants and funding process.
- [Grants video for beginners](#): Explains essential aspects of the grant application process.
- [Grants process](#): Details each step in the grants process, from planning to apply through award and post-award reporting.
- [Funding tab](#): Provides information on assistance programs, how to identify a potential funding organization, and past NIH funding.
- [NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts](#): Enables targeted searches by funding category, organization, and keyword.

Explore the site and read the [related blog](#) from the OER Deputy Director for more information about the improvements.

Best regards,  
The NIH EARA Initiative Team

