



MISSION

The mission of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.



NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

BUDGET

~\$1.2B combined SBIR/STTR budget

NUMBER OF AWARDS

Phase I ~900 per year

Phase II ~400 per year

TOPIC AREAS / AREAS OF INTEREST

NIH supports early stage biomedical, health, and life science companies creating a wide range of innovative technologies that align with NIH's mission to improve health and save lives.

For a complete guide to NIH topic areas:

<https://seed.nih.gov/findfunding>

UNIQUENESS

The NIH Small Business Program, coordinated by the Small business Education and Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Office, accelerates the conversion of scientific discoveries into impactful healthcare solutions by providing funding, industry expertise, and guidance for every step of product development. NIH offers applicants:

- Multiple grant receipt dates annually plus an annual contract solicitation
- Budget flexibility: For specific topics, NIH may make awards that exceed SBA budget guidelines
- Applicant Assistance Programs
- Multiple starting options: Phase I, Fast-Track (Phase I and Phase II in one application), Direct to Phase II (Projects with demonstrated feasibility may bypass Phase I)

Programs for NIH SBIR/STTR recipients

- Supplements to promote diversity in R&D
- I-Corps at NIH – An 8-week entrepreneurship training program
- C3i – Specialized support program for medical device innovators
- Phase IIB – Additional funding for projects that require extra time
- Commercialization Readiness Pilot (CRP) – Technical assistance and funding for late-stage development
- Regulatory, reimbursement, and business development consultations with industry experts
- Showcase Opportunities - Support to participate in investor and partnership events

Technical and Business Assistance (TABAs)

- TABA Funding for your most pressing product development needs
- TABA Needs Assessment Report – A third-party, unbiased assessment of your progress in four key areas of life science commercialization
- TABA Consulting Services – Up to \$50,000 in free services to support Intellectual Property, Regulatory, Reimbursement, and Market Analysis

General NIH SBIR/STTR Program Information: <https://seed.nih.gov/funding>

NIH Application Support: <https://seed.nih.gov/prepareyourapplication>

Contact the NIH SEED Office: SEEDinfo@nih.gov