

**Frequently Asked Questions in Relation to the NOITP: Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Initiative**

**Q: My team has a grant proposal in preparation for submission (or currently under review) that we believe may fit the scope of this funding opportunity. Do you think the aims described are congruent with this announcement?**

A: The eligible/preferred cohort characteristics for this opportunity have not yet been finalized. We suggest your team review the announcement upon publication to determine whether you think it fits the scope.

**Q: My research team believes we have a question that is scientifically important, fits within the research interests of NHLBI, yet we are not sure if it fits within the described framework. Do you think it fits within any of the planned Research Opportunity Announcements (ROAs)?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication.

**Q: Is this funding opportunity open to international cohorts?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. However, currently there is no known or anticipated prohibition on funding foreign sites and/or activities. Complete details, including any restrictions on funding foreign sites and/or activities, will be described in the published ROAs.

**Q: I am very interested in this funding opportunity and would be considered a new/early stage investigator. Would this status impact my eligibility or affect scoring lines?**

A: Neither early stage investigator status nor applicant PI arrangements (MPI, single PI, lead PI with Co-PI) is expected to impact NIH's evaluation of proposals.

**Q: I noted in some earlier announcements that funds were only being provided to existing R01s or other funding mechanisms. Is that the case for this opportunity?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. The PASC ROAs are stand alone, new funding opportunities open to investigators without regard to the existence of any other NIH funding awards.

**Q: We believe we qualify to submit an application to at least one of the described ROAs but have some questions regarding the format of the proposal, budget, and definitions of some characteristics/conditions used in the notice. Can we set up a time to discuss some of these questions in preparation of our proposal?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. If questions remain upon review of the published ROAs, please use the contact information in the ROA to submit your inquiries.

**Q: We are a private company with a product we believe would be useful in addressing one or more of the conditions described in the notice and wonder whether the ROAs will provide a funding**

**opportunity for clinical trials of new therapeutics, diagnostics, or biologicals in an affected patient population?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. If questions remain upon review of the published ROAs, please use the contact information in the ROA to submit your inquiries.

**Q: Can you tell me when the deadline to submit proposals to this announcement will be?**

A: The deadline for submission of proposals will depend on the publication of the ROAs. We anticipate a submission deadline between 21-35 days from publication of the ROAs and aim to publish the ROAs in mid-February.

**Q: Is more information regarding the budget scope for proposals available?**

A: There is no predetermined level of support established for any individual proposal. Each proposal's budget will be evaluated based on need, number of applications selected for award, and reasonableness of the cost proposals along with a number of other factors that will be set forth in the published ROAs. Please review the published ROA for additional guidance and information.

**Q: What kind of mechanism will the funding award be categorized as?**

A: The funding award to support applications selected for these ROAs is an Other Transaction pursuant to 42 USC 282(n) and 42 USC 285 (b)(3).

**Q: I was made aware of this announcement through a contact at a particular NIH Institute/Center (IC). Will the funding announcement come from a particular IC?**

A: No, the PASC ROAs are a trans-NIH funding opportunity published on behalf of the NIH Office of the Director pursuant to 42 USC 282(n) and 42 USC 285 (b)(3).

**Q: My team has an R01 application currently under review that we believe fits the scope of this funding opportunity. Can our grant application be considered for funding under this initiative?**

A: PASC awards are expected to be made in March 2021. If you have an outstanding R01 application and receive funding under this announcement, you may have to decide whether to withdraw the R01 application (to the extent funded activities are duplicative). Whether to accept funding under this announcement or as an R01 is a decision that your team will need to reach on its own, should your application be funded under both mechanisms.

**Q: I submitted an application to an R01 RFA that is responsive to the ROAs described in this notice. Are grants that have already been submitted eligible for this ROA?**

A: Eligible/preferred cohort characteristics have not yet been finalized. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. It is anticipated that grants already submitted for review may be considered eligible for this award, however, any such proposal would have to be submitted in response to the ROA upon publication. Additionally, should the proposal receive funding under this ROA, you may have to decide whether to withdraw the R01 application, to the extent funded activities would be duplicative.

**Q: I'm writing to inquire about the RFA for the PASC ROA. I visited the RFA website for the IC from which I received the notice of intent to publish and could not find a related RFA.**

A: This is a Notice of Intent to Publish the PASC ROAs in order to make the research community generally aware that such a funding opportunity is forthcoming and allow time to begin to prepare proposals in anticipation of the ROAs based on the information provided in the NOITP. The PASC ROAs are not yet finalized for publication and particular characteristics described in the NOITP may change. We advise that you review the ROAs upon publication. When the ROA is published, it will be posted with information related to eligible/preferred cohort characteristics and other relevant details. If questions remain upon review of the published ROAs, please submit your inquiry to the contact information identified in the published ROA.