Is one of the R15 programs (REAP or AREA) right for me?

There are two programs administered under the R15 activity code:

1. **Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP)** for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools
   - **PAR-19-134** - REAP, Clinical Trial Not Allowed; **PAR-19-135** - REAP, Clinical Trial Required

2. **Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)** for Undergraduate-Focused institutions
   - **PAR-18-714** - AREA, Clinical Trial Not Allowed; **PAR-19-133** - AREA, Clinical Trial Required

Each R15 funding opportunity includes detailed organization and Principal Investigator (PI) eligibility information. All eligibility criteria must be met to qualify, including the requirement that the PI not have any other active research grants at time of award. Use the decision tree to identify a potential fit, then check the appropriate funding opportunity announcement to confirm full eligibility.

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**R15 Eligibility Decision Tree**

Is the PI’s **primary appointment** in a **Health Professional School** or **Graduate School**?

- **Yes**: Has the umbrella institution (**both HPS and non-HPS components**) received NIH funding totaling **no more than $6M per year** (in both direct and F&A/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 years? **Need help determining funding level?**
  - **Yes**: Ineligible for R15 Program
  - **No**: REAP

- **No**: Does your individual School within the parent umbrella institution have a greater undergraduate to graduate student enrollment?
  - **Yes**: Has the individual non-Health Professional component of the parent umbrella institution received NIH funding totaling **no more than $6M per year** (in both direct and F&A/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 years? **Need help determining funding level?**
    - **Yes**: Ineligible for R15 Program
    - **No**: AREA
  - **No**: Ineligible for R15 Program

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