NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards – FY 2016 (NOT-OD-16-046)

This Notice provides guidance about the NIH Fiscal Operations for FY 2016 and implements the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114-113), signed by President Obama on December 18, 2015. With the passage of the Act, NIH has $32.31 billion in budget authority or equivalent (program level), an increase of $2 billion over FY 2015.

The following NIH fiscal policies are instituted in FY 2016:

- **FY 2016 Funding Levels**: Reductions made for non-competing continuations awards that were made in FY2016 will be fully restored, and non-competing continuation grants (research and non-research) including those that remain to be issued in FY 2016 will be made at the commitment level indicated on the Notice of Award. Any exceptions will be posted at the site listed under "Additional Information" below. The NIH awarding Institutes/Centers (IC) will develop and post their fiscal policies consistent with overall NIH goals and available FY 2016 funds.

- **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA)**: NIH will increase NRSA stipends by approximately 2 percent on average. The full range of stipend adjustments for FY 2016 is described at NOT-OD-16-047.

- **New Investigators**: NIH will continue to support new investigators on R01 equivalent awards at success rates comparable to that of established investigators submitting new (Type 1) R01 equivalent applications. Achievement of comparable success rates should permit the NIH to support new investigators.

- **Salary Limits**: Section 202 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 prohibits payments for salaries under grants and other extramural mechanisms in excess of Executive Level II previously set at $183,300, and effective January 10, 2016, increased to $185,100.

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