

Grants administrators,

We will transition to electronic R01 applications using the new SF424 (R&R) form set for the February 5, 2007 receipt date and beyond. Please make sure your institution is registered at both Grants.gov and eRA Commons. We have started a communication campaign to ensure all potential applicants are aware of these important changes. The [November issue](#) of the [NIH Extramural Nexus](#) was devoted to this topic. We hope you take advantage of the [training](#) and [outreach](#) resources on the [Electronic Submission of Grant Applications](#) website to help us spread the word. If you are new to the process, join us for our webcast [December 5, 2006 training event](#). We are always open to any suggestions you have for improving the available materials (NIHElectronicSubmiss@mail.nih.gov).

We would like you to be aware that we have just distributed the following email to a large distribution of principal investigators as part of our communications campaign.

The Electronic Submission Communications Team

Subject: New Forms and Process for NIH R01 Grant Application Submissions for Feb. 2007 Receipt Dates and Beyond!

BIG CHANGES FOR R01 APPLICANTS

For the new February 5, 2007 receipt date and beyond...

- NIH will **require** electronic application submission for all R01 applications – NO MORE PAPER!
- Submission involves a new application form. The new SF424 (R&R) form set contains the same information, but has a very different look and feel. Try it out **before** it's time to submit.
- Prepare yourself **now!** See [Tips for Investigators](#) to learn how.
- The new process changes the approval and submission procedures within your institution. Work with your central grants office to learn how your institution is handling the changes.
- NIH continues to welcome unsolicited, investigator-initiated applications; use the R01 Parent Announcement listed at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/parent_announcements.htm.
- Take advantage of the [December 5, 2006 training event](#). Check out the other training resources available at <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/training.htm>.
- Learn about available options for Macintosh users at http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/files/mac_options.htm.
- Take advantage of the eRA Commons [Web support ticket](#) system for quicker service when seeking help.
- Subscribe to [NIH Electronic Submission listservs](#) to stay informed.

The [NIH Electronic Submission of Grant Applications](#) website is a great resource for up-to-date information.

The Electronic Submission Communications Team

Note: Do not reply to this email. Feedback on the NIH Electronic Submission program should be sent to: NIHElectronicSubmiss@mail.nih.gov.