



# Health Colleges Research Services News and Announcements

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## HYPERLINKS AND IMAGES IN NIH PROPOSALS

By Jourden VanArsdall

As a reminder, the use of hyperlinks is not allowed in documents other than your Biographical Sketch when citing publications or within the Bibliography in your grant application, unless it is noted in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) instructions as allowable. Links should be removed from all documents (facilities, equipment, etc.). If your application does not follow the instructions as described in the [Format Attachment](#) policy, your application could be withdrawn. For more information regarding this policy, please see [NOT-OD-20-174](#).

In addition, images are prohibited in the application unless within the pages of your Research Strategy. If you choose to keep images or hyperlinks in other sections of your application, it will not cause errors or warnings upon submission but could result in a withdrawn application or consideration for funding.

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## STEPHEN I. KATZ ESI GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

By Erin Gorman

In November 2020, NIH issued two R01 funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) for Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) - [PAR-21-038](#) and [PAR-21-039](#). The purpose of these announcements is to give ESIs a new opportunity to support innovative ideas if they are proposing research that is a change in direction from their past work and experience and for which they have no preliminary data.

Applications submitted under these funding opportunity announcements must include a "New Research Direction" attachment in which the PI describes how the proposed research would be a change in research direction from their prior work. The application due dates do not follow the NIH standard due dates. Please refer to the FOAs for specific application and AIDS application due dates. The current expiration date for both FOAs is December 29, 2023.

You can learn more about this initiative [here](#).

## HUMAN SUBJECTS' PROTECTION AND MONITORING

By Theresa Couch

Not sure what to include in the Human Subjects' Protection and Monitoring plans? Listen to [this podcast](#) from NIH that discusses the important topics to include and how reviewers are asked to evaluate these sections of your proposal. A [transcript](#) is also available.

A full description of these plans and requirements are detailed in the NIH [proposal guide](#).

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