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**Funding for NIH health grants is available through ARRA**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced ARRA funding for administrative supplements to existing NIH grants, and \$21 million over two years has been allocated for educational opportunities in NIH-funded laboratories for students and science educators.

Institutions that already have research grants funded by NIH will be able to apply for administrative supplements from ARRA funds to support summer students and science educators. This additional money will not only promote job creation, economic development, and accelerate the pace and achievement of scientific research, it will encourage students to pursue research careers in health-related sciences, as well as provide elementary, middle and high school, and college-level science educators with short-term research experiences in NIH-funded laboratories.

NIH will extend funding to those projects best able to provide meaningful research experiences for students and educators. These supplements are part of the \$10.4 billion provided to NIH under ARRA. For more information about applying, see [grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html).

The NIH awards are expected to help create and maintain American jobs, as well as to enhance the quality of biomedical research in the United States. NIH conducts and supports biomedical and behavioral research, through more than 3,000 institutions across the country — institutions that have a direct impact upon the local economies in their towns, cities and states. More information about NIH's ARRA grant funding opportunities can be found at [grants.nih.gov/recovery](http://grants.nih.gov/recovery).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) — The Nation's Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

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