

# FLEX Program Application Process

## Application Eligibility and Deadlines

All CCR PIs are eligible to apply for FLEX Program funding. The primary PI for the proposed work in each award category must be a tenure-track investigator, tenured PI, senior clinician or senior scientist in CCR. Those in the Physician-Scientist Early Investigator (PEI) program can apply but must include a tenured PI as a co-PI. Staff Scientists who are site-visited and have independent budgets (CANs) are also eligible. Non-NCI researchers can act as either co-PIs or collaborators but cannot receive funds. DCEG PIs can serve as funded co-PIs for the [CCR-DCEG Collaborative Award](#) and the [Health Disparities Award](#). Please see the table below for a summary of who is eligible to submit an LOI as the Primary PI, who can act as co-PIs and who can receive funding.

Position & Division /Institute	Eligibility to Submit a FLEX LOI
CCR Tenured PIs, Senior Scientists & Senior Clinicians	Yes
CCR Tenure-Track PIs	Yes
CCR Physician-Scientist Early Investigators	Yes, as long as one of the Co-PIs is a tenured CCR PI
CCR Staff Scientists	Only if they are site-visited and have independent budgets (CANs)
CCR Staff Clinicians	Only if they are site-visited and have independent budgets (CANs)
DCEG Tenure-track PIs and Tenured PIs	Can not submit an LOI. Can be funded Co-PIs on LOIs for the CCR-DCEG Collaborative Award, as well as the Health Disparities FLEX Award. Can be non-funded co-PIs on other FLEX Award categories.
PIs from NIH ICs other than NCI (tenure track or tenured)	Can not submit an LOI. Can be collaborators or co-PIs with a CCR investigator as the Primary PI. Can not receive funds.
Extramural PIs	Can not submit an LOI. Can be collaborators or co-PIs with a CCR investigator as the Primary PI. Can not receive funds.

### Instructions to submit LOIs,

### Proposals and other useful links

[Download](#) instructions for preparing and submitting a LOI

**If invited to submit a full proposal, click [here](#) for instructions on preparing and submitting it.**

FAQs

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Please note that the objective of the FLEX program is to facilitate the ability of CCR PIs to pursue high-risk, high-impact projects that cannot be accommodated within laboratory base allocations. This program seeks to promote all areas of cancer research. COVID-19 related projects will only be considered if they directly add to the understanding of cancer or the development of treatments for cancer patients.

FLEX Programs projects will be selected in a two-stage open competition. An initial selection will be made based on evaluation of LOIs and the top ~20% of applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal. LOI and invited proposals will be evaluated by the CCR Science Board.

The links below provide detailed information on each award, as well as the application guidelines specific for each.

[CCR Technology Development Award](#)

[CCR Synergy Award](#)

[CCR New Directions Award](#)

[CCR-DCEG Collaborative Award](#)

[CCR Health Disparities Award](#)

### Important Deadlines

**Due to budget constraints, funding for new FLEX projects has been paused until further notice.**

Please contact [Diana Linnekin](#) if you have questions.