



Overview

This resource outlines NIH rules for post-submission materials which are updates you may send after submitting an NIH application, but no later than 30 days before peer review. NIH strictly limits what can be added and when. Some Requests For Application (RFA) prohibit post-submission materials entirely.

Important

Always check the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

What You Can Submit (typically)

The NIH allows only specific categories of updates, such as:

- Revised budget pages (e.g., due to new funding or institutional changes)
- Biographical sketches, letters of support (due to changes in key personnel)
- New Publications (letter of acceptance by publisher)
- These must comply with NIH's policy and post-submission application materials FAQs.

What You Cannot Submit

The NIH does not allow:

- New data
- New specific aims
- Substantive revisions to the research strategy
- Additional preliminary results
- The NIH will not accept post-submission materials if the science has changed.

What You Should Do:

- Prepare your materials in accordance with NIH formatting rules (PDF, correct headers, page limits), ensuring the content falls within NIH-allowed categories.
- Send materials and requests to your RSP Grants Specialist at least 2 days prior to the deadline for review and processing. Include the following:
- PI Name, Funding Opportunity number,
- Application number
- a clear justification for the post-submission update.

Need help?

Contact your [RSP Grants Specialist](#), who as the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) will review the request and submit it to the NIH Scientific Review Officer (SRO).