

Anticipated Publication of the NIH 2024 Omnibus Solicitation

The NIH's 2023 Omnibus SBIR/STTR solicitations, in which the NIH, CDC, and FDA all participate, closed on April 6, 2024. If you wanted to submit a Phase I, Phase II, Direct to Phase II, Phase IIB, or FastTrack SBIR or STTR grant application under the NIH Omnibus for the 2023 solicitation, and you succeeded, Congratulations! But if you just missed the last deadline or you're planning to submit a grant to the Omnibus sometime in the future, you cannot do so until the 2024 solicitation is released. When will that be?

The [NIH announced on April 8th](#) that they expect the 2024 Omnibus solicitation to be published in Late Spring 2024. At this time, you will see any changes in new and revised research priorities announced. The first application due date is expected to be in September 2024, suggesting the 2024 Omnibus will be the same standard deadlines as previous Omnibus solicitations: September 5, January 5, April 5. If the 5th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will likely move to the next available business day.

We expect there to be some changes during the open period of the 2024 Omnibus solicitation that will make application requirements different from those submitted during the 2023 solicitation. For example, budget caps and budget waiver maximums often change during the course of the solicitation. Budget waiver topics may also be different between 2023 and 2024. Additionally, starting January 25, 2025, the NIH SBIR/STTR Application Guide will switch from using Forms-H to using Forms-I. This will occur during the open period of the 2024 Omnibus solicitation.

Be aware that there may be *other* "Targeted" NIH Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) out right now that you can apply to *if* your project is a good fit. The Omnibus is NIH's general call for SBIR/STTR grant applications, and most NIH Institutes/Centers participate in each one. It also includes the only solicitations through which the CDC and FDA accept SBIR grant applications. Most applicants requesting NIH SBIR/STTR funding apply under the Omnibus. However, the NIH does offer other [Targeted NOFOs](#) throughout the year in which certain Institutes participate to fund specific kinds of projects or technologies. Many share the same standard deadlines as the Omnibus, but others do not. All NIH SBIR/STTR applicants should check out these Targeted NOFOs in case they find a better fit for their project than the Omnibus. But if you can't find a better fit, you'll just have to wait until Late Spring 2024 for the 2024 Omnibus solicitation!

For more information:

[NOT-OD-24-087](#): Notice of Information: Anticipated Publication of the PHS 2024-2 Omnibus Solicitations of the NIH, CDC, and FDA for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Grant Applications
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