

Vision Research Program FY21 Funding Opportunities Q&A*

**Questions are selected from those that were asked at the National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR) and Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) webinar June 2, 2021, but not answered live.*

- How much preliminary data is expected in Investigator-Initiated Research Award (IIRA) applications?

Please refer to the IIRA program announcement, sections *II.B, Award Information; II.D.2.a, Step 1: Pre-Application Submission Content; II.D.2.b.ii, Full Application Submission Components*; and *II.E.1.a, Peer Review*, for detailed information and instructions on preliminary data and how it will be reviewed.

- How do I determine which award mechanism or which funding level of IIRA I should apply to?

Please refer to section *II.B, Award Information*, of the program announcements for key features and requirements of each award mechanism, including features and requirements of the two levels of IIRA.

- What is the success rate of pre-proposals to be invited for full proposals?

To learn about the numbers of pre-applications, full applications, and awards offered each year, please refer to *Information Papers* posted under the *Funding Summary* section on the VRP home page (<https://cdmrp.army.mil/vrp/default>).

- Does a first-time applicant have to start at a specific phase of the research pipeline?

Applications can propose work on any phase from idea development to early clinical trial. It is the PI's responsibility to select the award mechanism appropriate for the proposed research.

View the NAEVR and ARVO webinar here: <https://www.eyersearch.org/in-action/naevr-and-arvo-host-virtual-defense-research-funding-opportunities-webinar>

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