

2025 VANDERBILT EDGE REVIEW

The Edge for Scholars at Vanderbilt offers an internal review by senior faculty of any R application—first or second R given priority—and any K application, as well as other funding mechanisms such as VA Merit/CDA, AHA, etc. (VFRS applications cannot be accepted for review.)

Submissions may include resubmissions, revisions and renewals for basic, translational, and clinical investigation for the corresponding NIH cycle.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Identify** the NIH submission date and corresponding **Vanderbilt due dates** in the chart below.
2. Fill out a [Survey of Intent](#) and complete it by the corresponding due date. You will need your draft abstract, specific aims page and current NIH biosketch (drafts are used to help match to reviewers and not distributed).
3. Email a ***SINGLE PDF*** of below listed **Grant Materials** by the corresponding due date to rebecca.helton@vumc.org.

What to Include: The bare minimum requirements are noted below. All other documents are strongly encouraged in order to receive the most thorough review possible.

- i. Cover letter – can be to us or your NIH institute
- ii. Project Summary/Abstract (~30 lines)
- iii. Summary Statement if revision/resubmission
- iv. Your response if revision/resubmission
- v. **REQUIRED:** Specific Aims – single page
- vi. **REQUIRED:** Research Strategy – note/highlight your responses if revision/resubmission
- vii. References cited
- viii. Facilities and resources
- ix. [PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Attachments](#) (if applicable)
- x. **REQUIRED:** Key personnel and NIH biosketches
- xi. Letters of support – include what you have/drafts okay
- xii. Budget – include what you have
- xiii. **REQUIRED:** If K-award: must include career development and RCR training plans
- xiv. If non-NIH or new NIH grant type (i.e., R35): include copy of RFA

**Please note: We cannot compile grants.*

DON'T FORGET:

- a. Use the NIH format required for your application
- b. Include as much information as you can to ensure you receive the most comprehensive review. We understand some items may not be ready at the time of review.

**All materials are due by 5:00 PM Central Time on the corresponding due date.
No late submissions accepted.**

WHAT TO EXPECT

You will receive an individual video recording link and reviewers' written critiques within a few days of the review, giving you time to respond to recommendations before it's time to submit to the NIH. **You are strongly encouraged to watch the video with your mentor. (AIDS reviews are not videotaped)**

EDGE REVIEW DUE DATES

R, K, and Other Applications

2025 NIH DUE DATES: R applications		Vanderbilt Edge Review DUE DATES		
NEW	RESUBMISSION / REVISION / RENEWAL	Submit Survey of Intent	Send Grant Materials to Rebecca Helton	Edge Review Dates
Feb 5, 2025	Mar 5, 2025	Nov 13, 2024	Dec 4, 2024	Jan 7 & 9, 2025
June 5, 2025	July 7, 2025	Mar 19, 2025	Apr 9, 2025	May 6 & 8, 2025
Oct 6, 2025	Nov 5, 2024	July 30, 2025	Aug 20, 2025	Sept 9 & 11, 2025

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AIDS & AIDS-Related Applications

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AIDS & AIDS-Related Applications New/Resubmission/ Revision/Renewal	Submit Survey of Intent	Send Grant Materials to Rebecca Helton	Edge Review Dates
Jan 7, 2025	Oct 30, 2024	Nov 14, 2024	Week of Dec 2, 2024
May 7, 2025	Mar 6, 2025	Mar 20, 2025	Week of Apr 7, 2025
Sept 8, 2025	July 2, 2025	July 17, 2025	Week of Aug 4, 2025