

2026 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 called out below. All other documents listed are strongly encouraged in order to receive the most thorough review possible.

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

2026 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, 2026	Mar 5, 2026	Nov 13, 2025	Dec 4, 2025	Jan 6 & 8, 2026
June 5, 2026	July 6, 2026	Mar 19, 2026	Apr 9, 2026	May 5 & 7, 2026
Oct 5, 2026	Nov 5, 2026	July 23, 2025	Aug 13, 2026	Sept 1 & 3, 2026

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AIDS & AIDS-Related Applications

2025 NIH DUE DATES	Vanderbilt Edge Review DUE DATES		
AIDS & AIDS-Related Applications New/Resubmission/ Revision/Renewal	Submit Survey of Intent	Send Grant Materials to Rebecca Helton	Edge Review Dates
Jan 7, 2026	Oct 30, 2025	Nov 13, 2025	Week of Dec 2, 2025
May 7, 2026	Mar 5, 2026	Mar 19, 2026	Week of Apr 6, 2026
Sept 8, 2026	July 2, 2026	July 16, 2026	Week of Aug 3, 2026