

2027 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 R21, R03, 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 non-K, R01, R21, or R03 NIH grant type: 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.**

EDGE REVIEW DUE DATES



2027 NIH Due Dates (R applications)		Vanderbilt Due Dates Edge Review		
New Grants	Resubmission Revision Renewal	Submit Survey of Intent	Send Grant Materials rebecca.helton@vumc.org	Edge Review Dates Tuesdays, 12:00 PM Thursdays, 9:00 AM
Feb 5, 2027	Mar 5, 2027	Nov 12, 2026	Dec 7, 2026	Jan 5 & 7, 2027
June 7, 2027	July 6, 2027	Mar 25, 2027	Apr 14, 2027	May 4 & 6, 2027
Oct 5, 2027	Nov 5, 2027	July 29, 2026	Aug 18, 2027	Sept 7 & 9, 2027

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