

Two Request for Applications (RFAs) have been released that are focused on addressing suicide research gaps:

[RFA-MH-20-305: Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Understanding Mortality Outcomes \(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to support efforts focused on linking pertinent data from healthcare system records (e.g., suicide attempt events) to mortality data so that a more accurate understanding of the risk factors for, and the burden of, suicide among those seen in structured healthcare settings can be discerned. Specifically, data are needed on the type, severity, and timing of suicide predictors in the U.S. In addition to improving our national knowledge of the burden of suicide, these data offer the hope of yielding essential benchmarks for both public and private care providers/insurers, who increasingly will be seeking improvements to reduce the frequency of suicide events in their systems. Projects supported by this FOA will help address gaps identified in the [2014 Prioritized Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention](#).

NIMH intends to commit \$3 million in FY 2021 to fund 4-6 awards.

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[RFA-MH-20-307: Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Aggregating and Mining Existing Data Sets for Secondary Analyses \(R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)

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This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks to leverage data from existing basic, clinical, and intervention research on suicide risk and behaviors as well as social media and healthcare records data, by encouraging the integration of existing data sets for novel secondary analyses aimed at identifying potential biological, experiential, and other predictors, moderators, and mitigators of suicide risk. The use of dimensional variables and inclusion of multiple levels of analyses are particularly encouraged. A secondary goal of this FOA is to support innovative projects that will generate foundational work for research studies on suicide-related behaviors that inform a Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) approach in this area. Projects supported by this FOA will help address gaps identified in the [2014 Prioritized Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention](#).

NIMH intends to commit \$3 million in FY 2021 to fund 4-6 meritorious applications.

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Letters of intent for these two RFAs are due January 10, 2020 and the application due dates are February 10, 2020.

The following RFAs are addressing improving EBPs for sustainability and impact in low resource settings.

Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages studies that develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings in the United States. Studies should identify and use innovative approaches to remediate barriers to provision, receipt, and/or benefit from evidence-based practices (EBPs) and generate new information about factors integral to achieving equity in mental health outcomes for underserved populations. Research generating new information about factors causing/reducing disparities are strongly encouraged, including due consideration of the needs of individuals across the life span.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-20-400.html>

Implementing and Sustaining Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Equity in Outcomes (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) supports pilot work in support of subsequent studies testing the effectiveness of strategies to deliver evidence-based mental health services, treatment interventions, and/or preventive interventions (EBPs) in low-resource mental health specialty and non-specialty settings within the United States. The FOA targets settings where EBPs are not currently delivered or delivered with fidelity, such that there are disparities in mental health and related functional outcomes (e.g., employment, educational attainment, stable housing, integration in the community, treatment of co-morbid substance use disorders, etc.) for the population(s) served. Implementation strategies should identify and use innovative approaches to remediate barriers to provision, receipt, and/or benefit from EBPs and generate new information about factors integral to achieving equity in mental health outcomes for under-served populations. Research generating new information about factors causing/reducing disparities is strongly encouraged, including due consideration for the needs of individuals across the life span.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/rfa-mh-20-401.html>

Letters of intent due January 24, 2020, and the application due date is February 24, 2020 for both of these RFAs.

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