



The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), housed in the Administration for Community Living (ACL), US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the federal government's primary disability research agency.

NIDILRR funds applied research and development designed to improve the abilities of individuals with disabilities to perform activities of their choice in the community, and to expand society's capacity to provide full opportunities and accommodations for its citizens with disabilities. NIDILRR plays a unique role in that its target population includes all disability types and all age groups.

NIDILRR funds research and development in three outcome domains: 1) health and function, 2) community living and participation, and 3) employment.

NIDILRR's Funding Mechanisms:

Field-Initiated Projects Program Rehabilitation Research (FIP) - This program is investigator-initiated research with projects to generate new knowledge. Funding: \$200k/year/3 years, 18 awards/year on average, 1 research and 1 development competition/year

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Program (RRTC) - These programs conduct advanced research, training, and information sharing on topic areas for improving rehabilitation methodology and service delivery systems; improving health and function; and promoting employment, independent living, family support and economic and social self-sufficiency for people with disabilities. Funding: Approximately \$800,000/year/5 Years

Disability and Rehabilitation Research Program (DRRP) - This program funds knowledge translation, building capacity for minority research entities, individual research projects, and other work. Funding: \$300,000-\$1.3k/year/5 years, \$500,000/year/5 years for individual research projects, Research or development

Switzer Research Fellowship Program - This program provides grants for individuals to perform research on rehabilitation, independent living, and other experiences of people with disabilities. Funding: \$70,000 for early researchers (post docs); \$80,000 for seasoned researchers, 1 year of funding, 14 to 15 awards/ per year average, Funding directly to investigator, not institution

Advanced Rehabilitation Research and Training Program (ARRT) - This program increases capacity for high-quality disability and rehabilitation research by supporting grants to institutions to provide advanced research training to individuals with doctorates or similar advanced degrees. Funding: \$150,000/year/5 years

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center Program (RERC) - This program funds advanced engineering research and development of innovative technologies to solve rehabilitation problems or remove environmental barriers for people with disabilities. Funding: \$900,000-\$950,000/year/5 years.
Announcements, as needed

Model Systems Program - These programs provide coordinated systems of rehabilitation care and conduct research on recovery and long-term outcomes for spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and burn injury.

Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) - This program supports development of new ideas and projects useful to people with disabilities through grants to small business firms with strong research capabilities in science, engineering, or educational technology.

Americans with Disabilities Act National Network - This program funds 10 regional centers for providing information, training, and technical assistance to individuals, businesses, and agencies with rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information about current and past NIDILRR grants

<http://naric.com/>

To learn more about NIDILRR grant mechanisms:

<https://www.acl.gov/programs/research-and-development/>

To find information about announcements:

Subscribe to NIDILRR grants announcement emails: <https://www.naric.com/?q=node/33>

Check grants.gov, entering “NIDILRR” in the search box

To learn about applying for grants: (note that NIDILRR grants are ‘competitive grants’):

<https://www.acl.gov/grants/applying-grants>

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