

R15 AREA & REAP GUIDANCE

	R15 AREA	R15 REAP
Status	Mason is ELIGIBLE through September 30, 2021.	ONLY Mason's College of Nursing (CHHS) is eligible through September 30, 2021.
Applicant	OSP determines Mason's eligibility annually by November 15th. ⁱ	Same as AREA, except: only eligible Health Professional Schools or Graduate Schools ⁱⁱ may apply. At Mason, the only eligible Health Professional school is the College of Nursing.
PI	The PD(s)/PI(s) of the applicant institution: a) must have a primary appointment at the applicant institution b) may NOT be the PD(s)/PI(s) of an active NIH research grant, including another AREA grant, at the time of award of an AREA grant c) MAY be key personnel for an active NIH grant held by another PD/PI. d) may hold successive New or Renewal grants.	Same as REAP, except only PD(s)/PI(s) within the College of Nursing may apply. Non College of Nursing faculty may be a Co-PI.
Required Documentation	OSP provides a letter verifying eligibility with the application (Provost or equivalent letter referenced in RFA).	Same as AREA.
Subawards	Permitted to a non-AREA eligible institution, excluding foreign institutions. ⁱⁱⁱ The majority of the research must be conducted by the PD(s)/PI(s) of the grantee institution. Applicants should keep the goals of the AREA program in mind when preparing the application, which include strengthening the research environment of eligible institutions and exposing students from eligible institutions to research.	Same as AREA.

ⁱ Applicant institution must 1) be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences; 2) have a greater undergraduate to graduate student enrollment; and 3) may not have received research support from the NIH totaling more than \$6 million per year (in both direct and F&A/indirect costs) in 4 of the last 7 years (see Section I. Funding Opportunity Description for definition of "institution"). A year is defined as a federal fiscal year: from October 1 through September 30

ⁱⁱ Definition of Health Professional Schools or Colleges: Health professional schools and colleges are accredited institutions that provide education and training leading to a health professional degree, including but not limited to: BSN, MSN, DNP, MD, DDS, DO, PharmD, DVM, OD, DPT, DC, ND, DPM, MOT, OTD, DPT, BME, MSEE, MS-SLP, CScD, SLPD, AuD, MSPO, MSAT, and MPH. Eligible health professional schools/colleges may include schools or colleges of nursing, medicine, dentistry, osteopathy, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, public health, optometry, allied health, chiropractic, naturopathy, podiatry, rehabilitation medicine, physical therapy, orthotics & prosthetics, kinesiology, biomedical engineering, occupational therapy and psychology. Accreditation must be provided by a body approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education. A graduate school offers advanced degrees, beyond the undergraduate level, in an academic discipline. Advance degrees include M.A., M.S., and Ph.D.

ⁱⁱⁱ Applications may include a foreign collaboration, component, or consortium.