R15 NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)

AREA program focuses on supporting grants to undergraduate-focused institutions.

Eligibility Criteria are as follows:

- The applicant institution must be an accredited public or non-profit private school that grants baccalaureate degrees in biomedical sciences.
- At the time of application submission, all the non-health professional components of the institution together have not received support from the NIH totaling more than $6 million per year (in both direct and F&A/indirect costs; i.e., the Total Federal Award Amount cited on a Notice of Award) in 4 of the last 7 years. A year is defined as a federal fiscal year: from October 1 through September 30. Note that all activity codes are included in this calculation except the following: C06, S10, and all activity codes starting with a G.
- Qualifying academic component (school, college, center, or institute) within an institution (e.g. School of Arts and Sciences) has an undergraduate student enrollment that is greater than graduate student enrollment.

Requirement: A signed letter is required from the Provost (or similar official with institution-wide responsibility) verifying the eligibility of WPI at the time of application submission. Applicants must provide the letter as part of their letters of support (Template Letter of Eligibility)