NIH Submission Cycles Cheat Sheet

CYCLE I

Application Due Dates
January 25 - May 7

Scientific Merit Review
June - July

Advisory Council Round
August or October*

Earliest Project Start Date
September or December*

*SBIR/STTR, CRP Only
Application Due Dates
September 5

Scientific Merit Review
October - November

Advisory Council Round
January

Earliest Project Start Date
April

CYCLE II

Application Due Dates
May 25 - September 7

Scientific Merit Review
October - November

Advisory Council Round
January

Earliest Project Start Date
April

*SBIR/STTR, CRP Only
Application Due Dates
January 5

Scientific Merit Review
February - March

Advisory Council Round
May

Earliest Project Start Date
July

CYCLE III

Application Due Dates
September 25 - January 7

Scientific Merit Review
February - March

Advisory Council Round
May

Earliest Project Start Date
July

*SBIR/STTR, CRP Only
Application Due Dates
April 5

Scientific Merit Review
June - July

Advisory Council Round
August

Earliest Project Start Date
September or December*

NOTES:

* *Advisory Council Round for Cycle I applications (Cycle III for SBIR/STTR) may be August or October, and their earliest project start date may be September or December respectively.*

- The actual date of the Advisory Council may occur in the month before or after the month listed.

- Awarding components may not always be able to honor the requested start date of an application. Before incurring any pre-award obligations or expenditures applicants should be aware of NIH policy governing pre-award costs prior to receiving a Notice of Award.