

**National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research**  
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**Concept Clearance for PAR**

**Renewal of Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research (Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this renewing notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support investigator-initiated research to anticipate, identify, examine, and address the ethical, legal, and social implications (ELSI) of advances in the fields of human genetics or genomics (from here forward genomics). Research may focus on the impact of advances in genomics on individuals, groups, institutions, and society across four broad research areas:

- Design and implementation of genomic research
- Integration of genomic data and technology into healthcare
- Norms, values, and beliefs about genomics
- Interplay of systems, organizations, and groups in genomics

**Renewal Initiative:**

NIH will accept applications for studies using either single or mixed methods. Approaches may include but are not limited to data-generating qualitative and quantitative approaches; legal, economic, and normative analyses; and other types of analytical and conceptual research methodologies. Direct involvement of communities and relevant individuals or groups where appropriate is encouraged. Applications from a wide array of academic disciplines are encouraged to ensure that ELSI issues are critically examined using a range of rigorous and replicable approaches that yield objective findings.

Only minor modifications are proposed to the active ELSI NOFOs ([PAR-25-371](#), [PAR-25-369](#), [PAR-25-370](#)) to simplify and improve clarity of the language. Research projects supported under this renewal NOFO will include two application types. Larger and more complex projects will have project periods up to five years. Exploratory projects that explore a discrete topic, break new ground, extend previous discoveries, or develop preliminary data in preparation for larger studies will have project periods of one to three years.

The NHGRI ELSI Research Program is soliciting participation from all NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices and expects robust involvement.

**Mechanism of Support:**

Shorter-term projects one to three years in duration and longer-term projects up to five years in duration will be accepted.