

**OPPORTUNITIES
FOR
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**Knowledge is of two kinds:
we know a subject ourselves,
or we know where we can find
information upon it.**

Boswell - Life of Dr. Johnson

In signing the Medical Library Assistance Act on October 22, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson noted that the Nation's medical libraries are a vital link between medical education, practice, and research.

The Medical Library Assistance Act (Public Law 89-291), an amendment to the Public Health Service Act, authorizes a program of grants and contracts to help the Nation's medical libraries expand their vital services to the health community. These programs of assistance are administered by the National Library of Medicine and are available to public and private non-profit institutions for: construction, resources, training, research, publications, and the development of regional medical libraries. Awards are also available to individuals for traineeships, fellowships, and special scientific projects.

A "medical library" is defined by the Act as a library devoted to the sciences related to health—medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, public health, and related applied and fundamental sciences. Eligible institutions may include, but are not limited to, schools of the health professions, hospitals, and private nonprofit cooperating libraries rendering service in the interest of the public health.

Panels of non-Federal consultants review applications and make recommendations to the National Medical Libraries Assistance Advisory Board (Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine). The Board makes its recommendations to the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. Those applications recommended for approval by the Board may be considered for an award by the Surgeon General.

This booklet is designed as an introduction to the opportunities for support under the Act. For additional information and applications, write to:

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR EXTRAMURAL
PROGRAMS**
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

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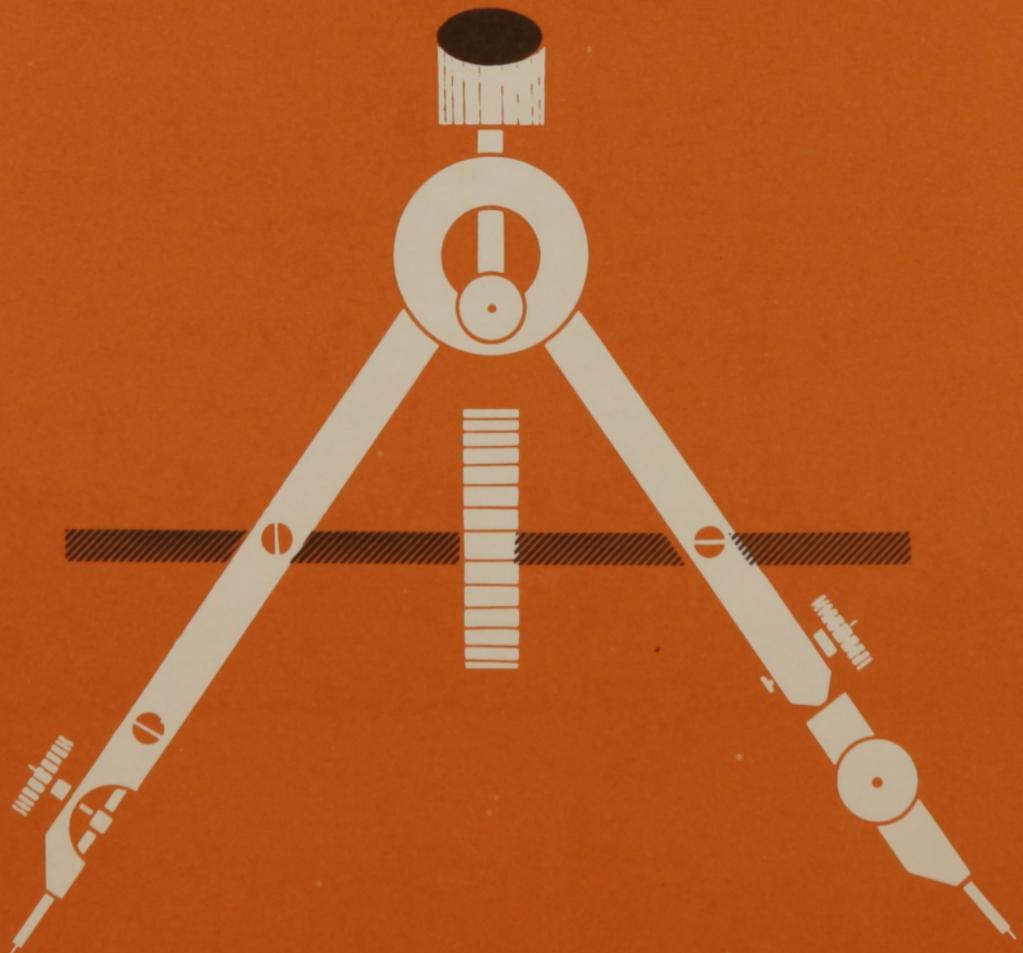
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Construction Grants are provided to assist in construction of new or expanded health science library facilities, and in the renovation or remodeling of existing facilities. Federal participation may be up to 75 % of the project costs, exclusive of land acquisition and legal fees.

A letter of intent, which is not regarded as a commitment either by the requesting institution or by the Public Health Service, is requested of interested institutions before filing formal applications. Applications for Construction Grants should be made on Form PHS 4687-1. Deadlines for receipt of applications are March 1, June 30, or November 1. Schematic drawings must be submitted at the time the final application is filed.

Before preparing a Construction Grant application, the potential applicant is urged to contact:

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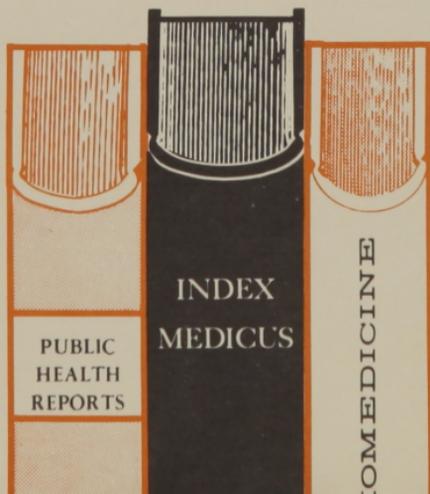
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Resource Grants enable health science libraries to develop and expand their collections. Funds may be used for:

- acquisition of books, journals, photographs, films, audiovisual aids, and other informational material;
- expenses of cataloging, binding, and costs of other services for processing library resource materials;
- procurement of duplication devices, facsimile equipment, film projectors, recording and other equipment to facilitate the use of the library's resources;
- costs of introducing new technologies in medical librarianship;
- and other individually described and justified items related to the operation of the library.

Awards are to be considered as supplementary to, and may not be used in place of, funds committed to the library by the parent institution. They may not be used for routine administrative expenses.

Applications for Resource Grants should be made on Form PHS 4877. Deadlines for receipt of applications are March 1, July 1, or November 1.

For additional information and applications, write to:

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Training Grants may be awarded to institutions to help support post-baccalaureate training programs designed to provide training for research and service in medical librarianship and other health science information specialties. Grants may provide for stipends, tuition, travel, materials, and compensation for professional and other staff who contribute substantially to the training program. Training Grant applications (Form PHS 2499-1) must be submitted at least one year in advance of the proposed activation date.

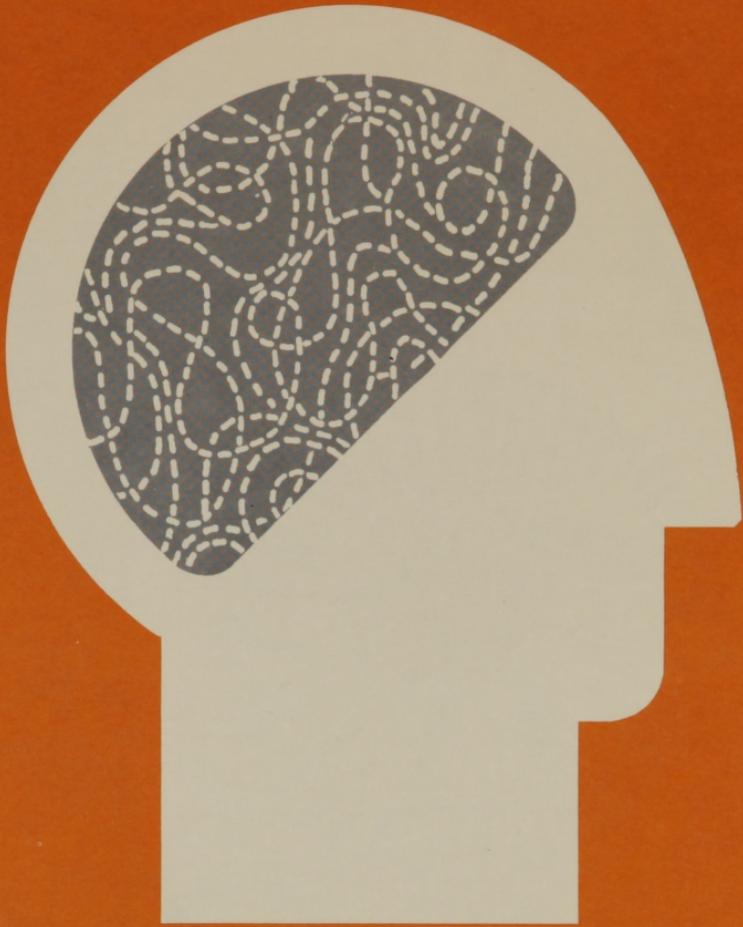
Traineeship Awards provide support to individuals who undertake fulltime post-baccalaureate training in some phase of medical librarianship or health information specialties. Applicants must make arrangements with both an individual sponsor who will provide curriculum guidance, and an institution offering the program of instruction. Grant funds may include a stipend and an allowance for travel and tuition if required. Traineeships may begin on the first day of any month, but applications (Form PHS 1891) must be submitted at least six months prior to the requested starting date.

Postdoctoral Fellowships may be awarded to individuals to enable them to pursue training in research which will prepare them for research careers in the health information specialties. Prior to application for a fellowship, individuals must make arrangements with a sponsor who will provide curriculum guidance and an institution which will provide the program of instruction. Fellowship Awards usually are made for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years.

Although there are no deadlines for submitted fellowship applications, individuals should apply on Form PHS 416-1 at least eight months in advance of the requested beginning date.

For additional information and applications, write to:

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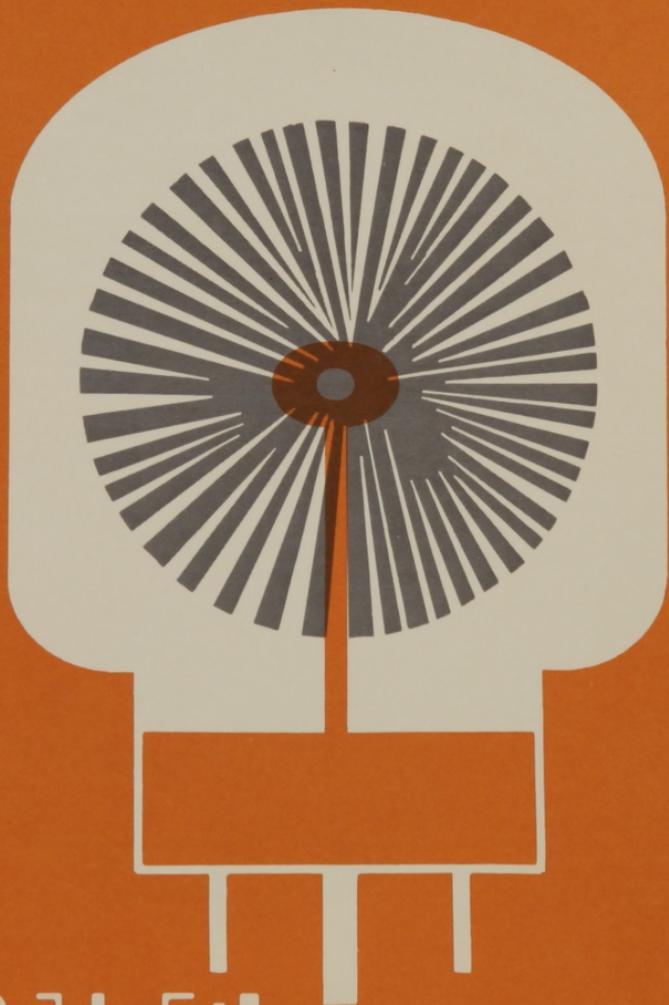
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Research Grants are designed to support the conduct of research and investigation in medical library science and related activities, and the development of new techniques, systems, and equipment for processing, storing, retrieving, and distributing information in the health sciences. Grants are awarded to institutions on behalf of a principal investigator.

Applications must describe the objective, the research plan (including methodology), an estimate of the time required to complete the project, and cost estimates for salaries, supplies, equipment, travel, etc.

Applications for Research Grants should be made on Form PHS 398. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 1, June 1, or October 1.

For additional information and applications, write to:

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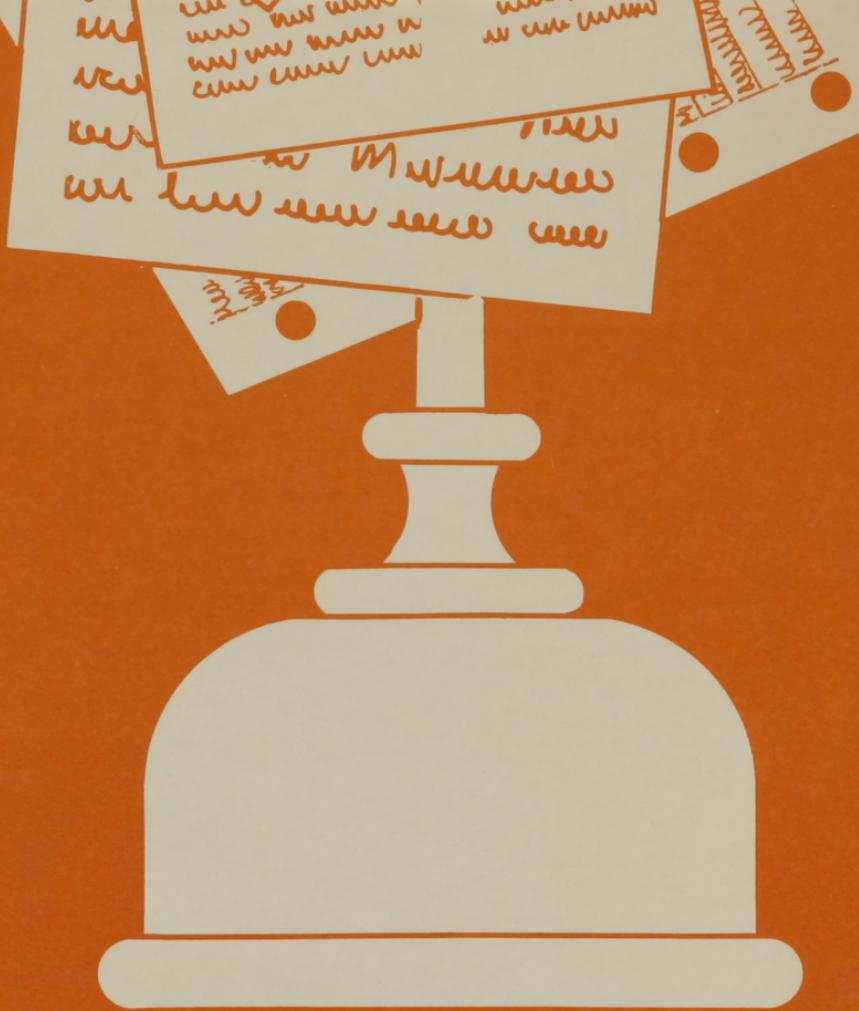
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Special Scientific Project Awards may be made to individuals or institutions for fulltime projects related to the documentation, evaluation, and analysis of scientific, social, or cultural advances in health sciences. Such projects should result in critical reviews or reports which will facilitate the distribution and utilization of knowledge. Awards may provide salary for the investigator, funds for clerical and secretarial assistance, and necessary travel. Prior to formal application, arrangements must be made for access to the collections at NLM or another large research library.

Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 1, June 1, or October 1. Requests for application forms and additional information on Special Scientific Project Grants should be sent to:

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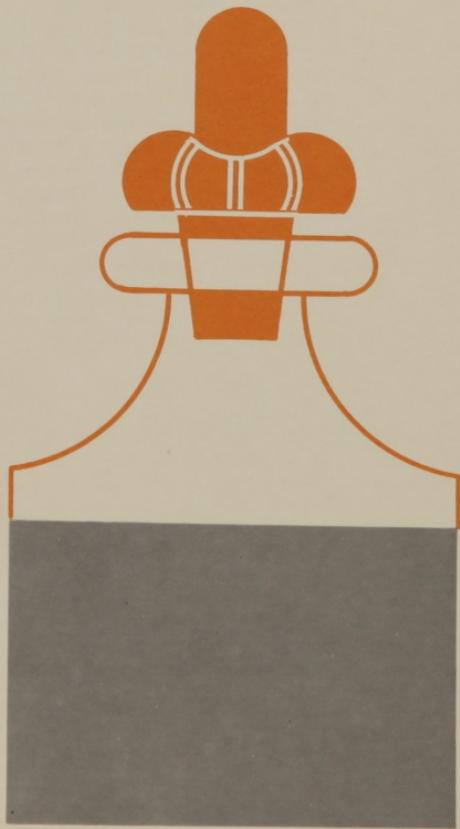
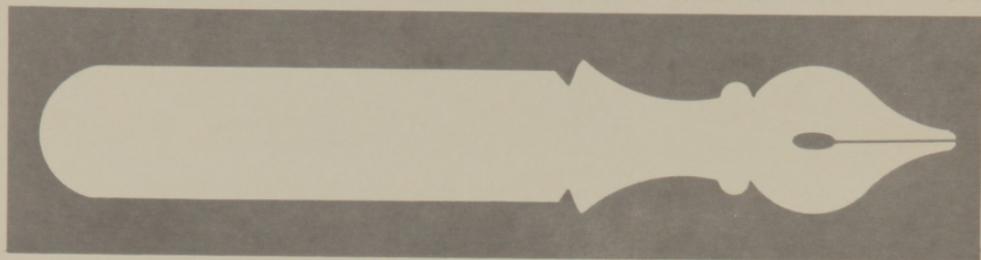


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Publication Grants and Contracts enable the preparation and/or production of single or serial publications which pertain to scientific works of interest to research scientists, health practitioners, or medical librarians and other health communications specialists.

The program supports: bibliographies, critical reviews, handbooks (such as atlases, catalogs, data compendia, dictionaries, directories, and manuals), indices, abstracts and monographs; translations; and primary publications in the fields of biomedical communications, e.g., librarianship, information science, medical bibliography. The National Library of Medicine has helped support a number of such publications for several years under the Public Health Service Act. The Medical Library Assistance Act authorizes the expansion of these activities to improve and accelerate the flow of biomedical information.

Awards are made to institutions and, in special circumstances, to individual scientists.

Applications for Publication Grants should be made on Form PHS 398. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 1, June 1, or October 1.

For additional information and applications, write to:

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The objective of the regional medical library program is to provide prompt access by any health researcher, practitioner, or student of the health sciences in the United States to library materials he may need.

Regional Medical Library Grants are made to assist in the development of the existing system of medical libraries into a responsive national biomedical communications network. Grants are awarded to libraries which have facilities of sufficient depth and scope to supplement the services of other medical libraries in the region they serve. A "region" may be composed of any part or parts of any one or more states forming an economic and socially related area. In determining the designation of an institution to serve as a regional library, many factors are considered, such as location and extent of communication facilities and systems, presence and distribution in the area of educational and health facilities and programs, and distribution of health-related manpower.

The regional services provided by the grantee libraries will receive full support. Funds may be used for the acquisition of library resources and materials; costs of processing and handling such resources and materials, acquisition of duplicating and transmission devices and other equipment to facilitate the use of the resources, and employment of personnel to effect the transmission of materials and information to libraries within the region.

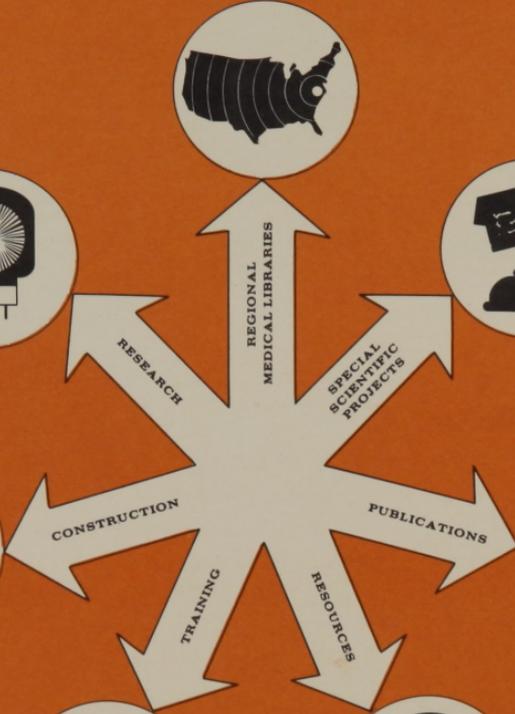
Grants are for a specified support period of up to five years, and grantees will be required to enter competition for renewal at the end of that period. There is no standard application form for Regional Medical Library Grants.

Additional information and procedures for applying may be obtained from:

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Institutions - for expansion, renovation of existing or construction of new health science libraries

Letter of intent prior to Form PHS 4687-1

RESOURCES

Institutions - for enlarging and improving collections

Form PHS 4877

TRAINING

Institutions - for graduate programs in the health information specialties

Form PHS 2499-1

TRAINEESHIPS

Individuals - for graduate study in the health information specialties

Form PHS 1891

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Individuals - for training in health communications research

Form PHS 416-1

RESEARCH

Institutions on behalf of a principal investigator - for research projects on health communications problems

Form PHS 398

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Individual scientists or institutions - for projects on documentation, evaluation, and analysis of advances in health sciences

Contact Chief, Research and Training Division, Extramural Programs for application procedures

PUBLICATIONS

Institutions or individuals - for preparation/production of publications on information of interest to scientists, practitioners, educators, or medical librarians

Form PHS 398

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Institutions - for expansion of resources and/or facilities to encourage better geographic access to biomedical information

No standard form. Contact Chief, Facilities and Resources Division, Extramural Programs for application procedures

DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED—Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Therefore, grants awarded under the Medical Library Assistance Act, like every program or activity receiving Federal assistance from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, must be operated in compliance with this law.



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