

NIH's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs **provide \$1.3 billion in seed funding for research and development (R&D)** to turn scientific innovations into commercial products. SBIR and STTR programs are the **largest source of seed funding for small businesses developing life-science products.**

Program Goal

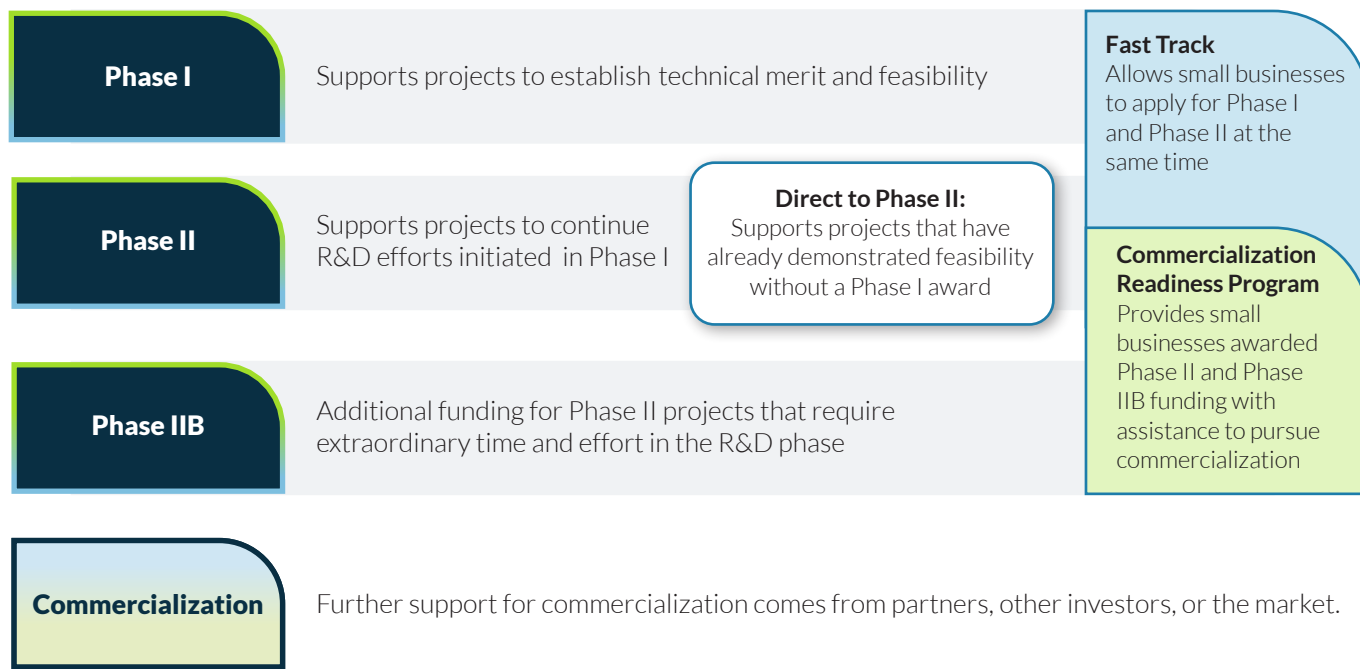
The goal of the SBIR and STTR programs is to provide funding to small businesses to conduct federal R&D with potential for commercialization.

Partnering Requirements

Although SBIR funding may be obtained with or without a partner, STTR funding requires a U.S. nonprofit research institution partner.

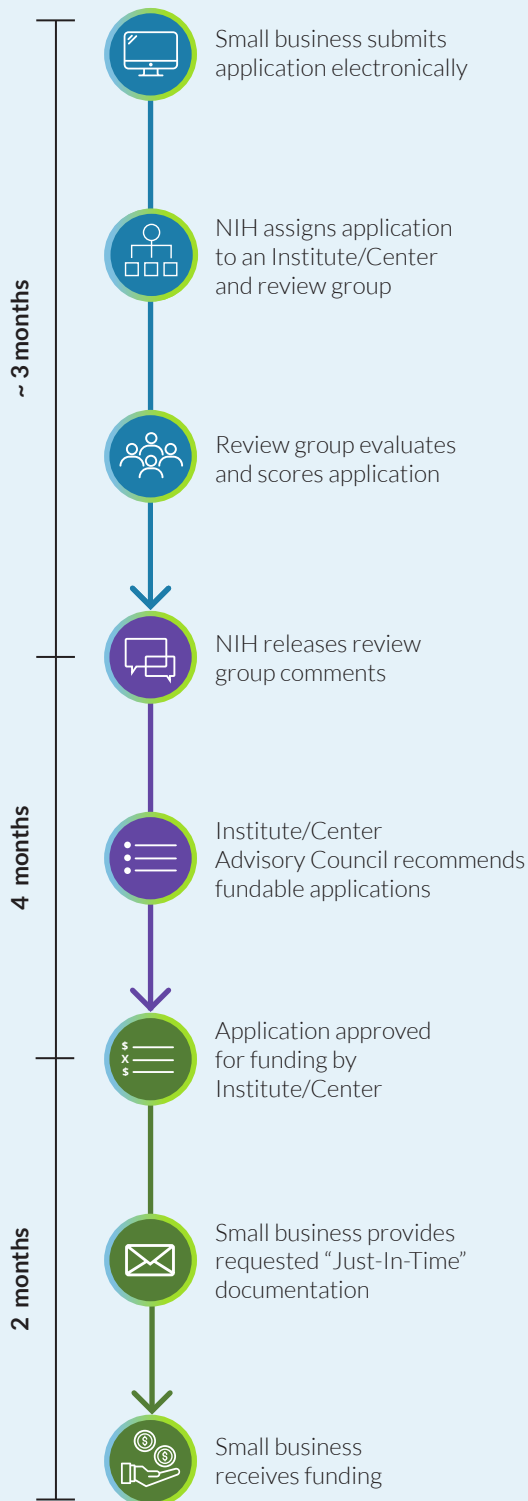
SBIR and STTR Program Phases

The programs are divided into several phases that support applicants at different stages of development.



Grant Application and Review Process

Applications can be tracked in eRA Commons



SBIR and STTR Funding Opportunities

There are three ways to apply:

- 1 Apply to the SBIR and STTR Omnibus solicitations** to submit your own idea to NIH. The SBIR and STTR programs each have funding opportunity announcements that do and do not involve clinical trials. Visit seed.nih.gov/prepareyourapplication for guidance, resources, and all the necessary forms in one convenient location.
- 2 Apply to a targeted funding opportunity.** NIH Institutes and Centers release SBIR and STTR solicitations focused on specific research areas.
- 3 Apply to the annual SBIR contracts solicitation.** This contract opportunity requests research proposals in specific topic areas.

- \$ Total funding support** (direct costs, indirect costs, fee) normally may not exceed \$295,924 for Phase I awards and \$1,972,828 for Phase II award. For specific topics, NIH may exceed these total award amounts. Information about these topics can be found at seed.nih.gov/waivers.

Visit seed.nih.gov/funding to learn more

Tips for Getting Started

- ✓ **January 5, April 5, and September 5** are the standard due dates. Don't wait! The grant registration process can take 6-8 weeks. There are 4 required registrations:
 1. SAM.gov
 2. Grants.gov
 3. eRA Commons
 4. SBA Registry
- ✓ Visit seed.nih.gov/eligibility to find out whether your small business is eligible for funding.
- ✓ Have questions? Contact seedinfo@nih.gov or visit seed.nih.gov/smallbizcontacts to find the program officer at the NIH Institute or Center most relevant to your research topic.