Call for Reviewers-NIH

The NIH peer review system (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer_review_process.htm) is the foundation of the NIH extramural research enterprise. Its continued excellence depends on its ability to recruit and retain the most accomplished, broad-thinking and creative scientists and experts to serve as peer reviewers. Qualified individuals are needed to serve on Study Sections and on NIH National Advisory Boards or Councils.

Principal Investigators who have received research grant funding from the NIH are invited to serve on NIH study sections and advisory groups, however, the expectation for service is entirely voluntary and an inability to serve has no impact on an investigator’s ability to compete for grant support.

The first level of review service is a full, multi-year term (i.e., typically 12 meetings) on an NIH chartered study section or Advisory Council or Board. The second level of review service is continuing participation averaging at least one meeting per year, either as a temporary member of a permanent committee or as a member of an ad hoc committee.

Individuals who possess expertise in areas supported by the NIH and who wish to volunteer to serve in the NIH peer review process should send an email to the Enhancing Peer Review mailbox (EnhancingPeerReview@mail.nih.gov) with a brief description of their areas of expertise and a copy of their biosketch.

Questions should be directed to: Sally A. Amero, P Ph.D., NIH Review Policy Officer Office of Extramural Research, ameros@od.nih.gov

Call for Reviewers-HRSA

HRSA needs new and experienced grant reviewers with expertise in public health and public health workforce training. Grant reviewers help HRSA select the best programs from competitive groups of applicants. Reviewers are chosen for specific grant programs, based on their knowledge, education and experience. Grant review panels are selected to reflect diversity of ethnicity, gender, experience and geography.

HRSA grant reviews usually are held in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and last for 3 to 5 days. Some reviews are conducted via teleconference or field reader reviews (a type of objective review approach where reviewers independently review applications from where they are based, with no group discussion of the applications).

If you have expertise in the areas of public health and public health workforce training and are interested in becoming a HRSA Grant Reviewer contact Suzanne Resner PhD, RN, Lead Review Administrator, for further information at sresner@hrsa.gov or register as a grant reviewer at http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers
Grant Clinic

You Asked, We Answered (NIH Nexus on-line Magazine)

Remember to always check for specific instructions in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

I am resubmitting an application. How should I reduce my previously 25-page Research Plan narrative to the 6 or 12 pages now required for the Research Strategy section?
Unfortunately, there is no magic formula for reducing 25 pages to 6 or 12. You should use your discretion, conveying the details reviewers need to evaluate your proposed project. And remember, you also have 1 page to describe your specific aims in addition to the 6 or 12 pages for your Research Strategy section. For additional information on resubmitting with shorter page limits, see our February Nexus article (Resubmitting? Shorter Page Limits Apply To You, Too) on the topic.

May figures and photographs be included in the Appendix?
No. Figures and photographs may only be included in the Research Strategy section.

For an individual fellowship application, does each co-sponsor get an additional 6 pages for their information?
No. The sponsor plus co-sponsor(s) information together should total 6 pages or less.

How many copies of my paper PHS 2590 progress report should be mailed to NIH?
You only need to mail the original PHS 2590 progress report; no copies are required.

Clarification of the Resubmit Policy and Determination of New Application Status-NIH

Determination of New Application Status

A new application is expected to be substantially different in content and scope with more significant differences than are normally encountered in a resubmitted application.

A new application should include substantial changes in all sections of the Research Plan, particularly in the Specific Aims and the Research Strategy sections. There should be fundamental changes in the questions being asked and/or the outcomes examined.

Changes to the Research Plan should produce a significant change in direction and approach for the research project. In the case of institutional Training and institutional Career Development applications, there must be a significant or substantial change in the programmatic, leadership, administrative, or other critical aspect of the program.

Rewording of the Title and Specific Aims or incorporating minor changes in response to comments of reviewers in the most recent Summary Statement does not constitute substantial changes in scope, direction or content.

Requests for review by a different review committee or funding consideration by a different NIH Institute are not sufficient reasons to consider an application as new. Submission to a different FOA is also not sufficient to make an application new (there are exceptions for applications following an RFA or changing activity code; see NOT-OD-09-100).

Applications received by the NIH are screened multiple times and checked to determine if the application is a new application, not simply another version of a project that has already received the maximum number of reviews. The first check is done within the CSR Division of Receipt and Referral. Subsequent checks are performed by the Scientific Review Officer (SRO) in charge of the review meeting and by NIH program staff. For more information, please see: (NOT-OD-10-080).
Funding Opportunities NIH

PARs

PAR-09-224 (R01)
Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment
Application due date(s): 2/5/11, 10/5/11, 6/5/12
(alternating standard R01 receipt dates)
Expiration date: 7/6/12

PAR-09-090 (K18)
Short Term Career Development Award in the Environmental Health Sciences for Established Investigators
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 9/8/12

PAR-09-087 (K01)
Mentored Research Scientist Research Career Development Award
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/12

R01s

PA-10-179 (R01)
Aging Studies in the Pulmonary System (R01)
Application due date(s): Standard due dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/13

PA-10-100 (R01)
Alcohol Use Disorders: Treatment, Services Research, and Recovery
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/13

PA-10-127 (R01)
Home and Family Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Childhood
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/13

PA-10-025 (R01)
Development, Application, and Evaluation of Prediction Models for Cancer Risk and Prognosis
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-10-027 (R01)
Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

R01s continued

PA-10-006 (R01)
Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, & Management in Pain Research
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-09-243 (R01)
Nutrition and Physical Activity Research to Promote Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Health
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/12

PA-08-246 (R01)
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Pathophysiology and Treatment
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 9/8/11

PA-08-124 (R01)
Epidemiology of Drug Abuse
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/11

PA-07-448 (R01)
Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/11

PA-08-074 (R01)
Community Participation in Research
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/11

R21s

PA-09-244 (R21)
Nutritional and Physical Activity Research To Promote Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Health
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 9/8/12

PA-10-102 (R21)
Alcohol Use Disorders: Treatment, Services Research, and Recovery
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/13
R21s continued

PA-10-028 (R21)
Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-10-160 (R21)
Research on Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/13

PA-10-069 (R21)
NIH Exploratory Developmental Research Grant
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-09-130 (R21)
Exploratory Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/12

PA-09-131 (R21)
Secondary Analyses in Obesity, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/12

PA-08-077 (R21)
Research on the Economics of Diet, Activity and Energy Balance
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 11/6/11

R03s

PA-10-064 (R03)
NIH Small Research Grant Program
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

Fellowships

PA-10-058 (K07)
Academic Career Award
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-09-229 (F32)
AHRQ Individual Awards for Postdoctoral Fellows Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 9/8/12

PA-10-110 (F32)
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-10-111 (F33)
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Senior Fellows
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

Career Development

PA-10-057 (K02)
Independent Scientist Award
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 1/8/13

PA-10-056 (K01)
Mentored Research Scientist Development Award
Application due date(s): Standard dates apply
Expiration date: 5/8/12
The Charles Lafitte Foundation
http://www.charleslafitte.org/default.html

Mission: The mission of the Charles Lafitte Foundation (CLF) is to provide for and support inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy, satisfying and enriched lives. To fulfill this mission, the Foundation acts as grantmaker, innovator and volunteer for four main programs: Education, Children's Advocacy, Medical Research & Issues, and The Arts.

Medical Issues: The mission of the Medical Issues and Research Program is to raise the quality of healthcare by supporting and encouraging health research and education. The Foundation supports innovative programs, research that promotes health, scientific and educational activities and disease prevention. The Foundation supports efforts that help people live healthy and productive lives and assists specific groups with serious and neglected problems. Emphasis is given to cancer research and treatment, children's health, health education, promoting healthy life styles and bettering the quality of life for patients.

Applications: Grant requests can be made at any time for support of activities related to Foundation program areas and interests. The Foundation funds organizations throughout the country but is limited to supporting 501c-3 institutions.

The Foundation has no deadlines or standard forms. Preference is given to concise, well-organized proposals. In no case should the body of the proposal exceed 10 double-spaced pages. The Foundation prefers proposals sent by e-mail. A brief letter of inquiry, rather than a fully developed proposal, is an advisable first step for an applicant, conserving his or her time and allowing for a preliminary response regarding the possibility of support. The Foundation will contact you if a full proposal is requested. Due to the large number of inquiries the Foundation is unable to respond to all requests.

Grants are made by the Charles Lafitte Trustees, who meet several times a year. Grant proposals are normally sent to the President of the Foundation and include, in addition to details about the applicant and the proposed project, information on the cost and duration of the work. Overhead for these grants can be budgeted at no more than fifteen percent of direct project costs.

Principles
The Charles Lafitte Foundation believes (excerpts from Guiding Principles):
• Innovation, creativity, initiative and risk-taking are essential to success.
• Diversity and inclusively are essential for creativity and innovation.
• A society's future is dependent upon the quality of nurturance and investment in its children.

The human condition can be improved by the appropriate use of education, the arts, science and technology.

Giving Preferences
• Preference is given to projects/programs that make a big difference to some individual's critical needs over a project that will make a small difference to many individual's minor needs.
• The Foundation likes their grants to make a big difference to the project or program being funded.
• Preference is given to projects/programs that provide a permanent solution rather than a temporary bandage. The Foundation will support one-time events aimed at bettering a person's quality of life.

The Foundation believes in each individual's ability to make a difference and contribute to society and prefer to fund projects that remove barriers to full economic and social participation in society.

Words to Live By: "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."-- John Maxwell

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