

EMAIL INVITATION TO APPLICANT

Subject: NIH Enhancing Peer Review Initiative Survey Invitation

Dear NIH Applicant:

NIH is conducting a survey of grant applicants to gather opinions about the NIH peer review process. This is the second “point-in-time” survey to gather opinions about NIH’s Enhancing Peer Review Initiative (<http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>) to engage the best reviewers, improve the quality and transparency of peer review, and ensure balanced and fair reviews.

You have been randomly selected to participate in this survey for NIH grant applicants. This is an opportunity to provide your feedback on the NIH peer review process. We are interested in your opinions, regardless of whether or not the application(s) you submitted was funded. Even if you have limited experience submitting grant applications, **your opinions are very important to us.**

The survey is anonymous and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.

To access the survey:

- 1) Click here: [ENTER UNIQUE URL]

This link provides access to your personal copy of the survey. **To protect your confidentiality and the integrity of the survey, please do not forward this link to anyone else.**

- 2) You will first be directed to a password creation screen. Please create and confirm the password of your choosing. Should you need to return at a later time to complete the survey, this password will be required to access your data.
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RTI International, an independent, not-for-profit research firm based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, is carrying out this study in collaboration with the NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER). If you have any questions regarding this project, please feel free to call Casey Tischner of RTI toll free at 1-800-334-8571 ext. 25888 (NIH-APPLICANTsurvey@rti.org) or Luci Roberts in OER at (301) 594-1841.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

EMAIL INVITATION TO REVIEWER

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Dear NIH Reviewer:

NIH is conducting a survey of peer reviewers to gather opinions about the NIH peer review process. This is the second “point-in-time” survey to gather opinions about NIH’s Enhancing Peer Review Initiative (<http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>) to engage the best reviewers, improve the quality and transparency of peer review, and ensure balanced and fair reviews.

You have been randomly selected to participate in this survey for NIH peer reviewers. This is an opportunity to provide your feedback on the NIH peer review process. We are interested in the opinions of reviewers with different levels of peer review experience. Even if you have limited experience reviewing grant applications, **your opinions are very important to us.**

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EMAIL INVITATION TO ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER

Subject: NIH Enhancing Peer Review Initiative Survey Invitation

Dear NIH Advisory Council Member:

NIH is conducting a survey of Advisory Council/Board members to gather opinions about the NIH peer review process. This is the second “point-in-time” survey to gather opinions about NIH’s Enhancing Peer Review Initiative (<http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>) to engage the best reviewers, improve the quality and transparency of peer review, and ensure balanced and fair reviews.

We are interested in the opinions of Advisory Council/Board members with different levels of experience with the NIH grants system. Even if you have limited experience as an Advisory Council/Board member, **your opinions are very important to us.**

The survey is anonymous and should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. There are no right or wrong answers and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.

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Sincerely,