

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION
UNDER GENERIC CLEARANCES

DATE OF REQUEST: April XX, 2014

SUB AGENCY (I/C): Office of the Director

TITLE: Pilot Enhanced NIH Biosketch

GENERIC CLEARANCE UNDER OMB# 0925-0001/0002 **EXP. DATE:** May 31, 2016

ABSTRACT:

The NIH plans to modify and pilot test the Biographical Sketch form (OMB No. 0925-0001/0002 (Rev. 08/12 Approved Through 8/31/2015) in the following ways: Section A (personal statement related to qualifications for the proposed project) and Section C (list of up to 15 selected, peer-reviewed publications) will be enhanced. For most NIH grant applications, the biosketch section could be extended from the current limit of four pages to five. The descriptions will allow researchers to describe their most important scientific contributions and will move evaluation of past performance away from a simplistic consideration of the prestige of specific journals or the position of a particular name in a list of authors. The primary focus of the information will shift to more substantive issues, including the magnitude and significance of advances that resulted from a scientist's work and the particular role that researcher played in those discoveries. This particular clearance would permit the NIH to conduct a limited pilot of the modified form to make sure there are no unintended consequences and particular populations of applicants are not disadvantaged.

TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN APPROVED: XXX

BURDEN USED TO DATE: XXX

BURDEN THIS REQUEST: 150.

IS RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTED AS REQUIRED?

 YES NO X N/A

OBLIGATION TO RESPOND:

 X VOLUNTARY

 REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS

 MANDATORY

HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE OFFERED?

 X WEB SITE

 TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

 MAIL RESPONSE

 IN PERSON INTERVIEW

 OTHER: _____

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