# NIH Biographical Sketch Survey Web Survey Screenshots DRAFT Version 1 April 15, 2014



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**Introduction:** The following short survey will attempt to capture the opinions of reviewers, who have just reviewed applications containing the modified biosketch. For most reviewers, opinions will be based on a historical comparison to the current NIH biosketch.

**Background:** The <u>current NIH biosketch</u>, which is submitted with all competing NIH grant applications and most progress reports by key personnel, includes the following sections: identification, education and training, personal statement, positions and honors, selected peer-reviewed publications, patent citations and optional short narrative, and research support. The current format emphasizes the value of publications and the prestige of the journals in which those publications appeared. It doesn't, however, provide information on the scientific contributions of specific individuals other than providing a listing of publications or grants awarded. Also, the list of publications and grants provides little information on the long-term impact of specific discoveries.

The modified biosketch has been designed to move evaluation of past performance away from a simple consideration of the prestige of specific journals or the position of a particular name in a list of authors. The primary focus will be on the magnitude and significance of advances that resulted from a scientist's work and the particular role that researcher played in those discoveries. It will allow researchers to provide an account of their own work to allow reviewers and program officials to better assess their contributions and capabilities. Several external organizations like the <a href="Howard Hughes Medical Institute">Howard Hughes Medical Institute</a> and the <a href="Wellcome Trust">Wellcome Trust</a> include such descriptions.

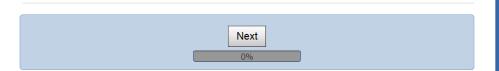




**Note to Respondents:** The information you provide in this survey will remain anonymous. No individual respondents will be identified, and all responses will be summarized and reported in aggregate form.

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## To what extent was the modified format helpful in understanding the capabilities of a researcher as they relate to the proposed project?

1=Extremely Helpful 5=Not at all helpfu							
	4	5	Don't Know				
Qualifications for the role in the proposed project							
Scientific accomplishments							
How the researcher's accomplishments advanced science							
How the researcher's accomplishments led to the development of intellectual property, commercial products and other benefits							
Researcher capabilities and technical expertise							
Impediments to progress in research $\Box$ $\Box$ $\Box$ $\Box$							
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Mentors on Training Grant and

Fellowship applications

#### Modified Biographical Sketch Survey for Reviewers

#### To what extent is the modified biographical sketch format suitable for the following groups? 1= Extremely Suitable 5 = Not At All Suitable Don't 4 5 Know 1 2 3 New/Early Stage Investigators **Senior Investigators** Pre-doctoral Fellowship applicants Post-Doctoral Fellowship applicants Career award applicants (K08, K23, etc.) **Small Business Innovation** Research (SBIR) applicants

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To what extent is the modified biographical sketch suitable for the following grant activities?  1= Extremely Suitable 5= Not At All Suitable						_
	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
R01 or R01-like research project grant applications (U01, R21, R03, R34, etc.)						
AREA award applications (R15)						
Multiple project applications and Center grant applications (P30, P50, U19)						
Small Business award applications						
Fellowship applications		$\boxtimes$				$\boxtimes$
Career Development (K) award applications						
Other (Please describe) :						
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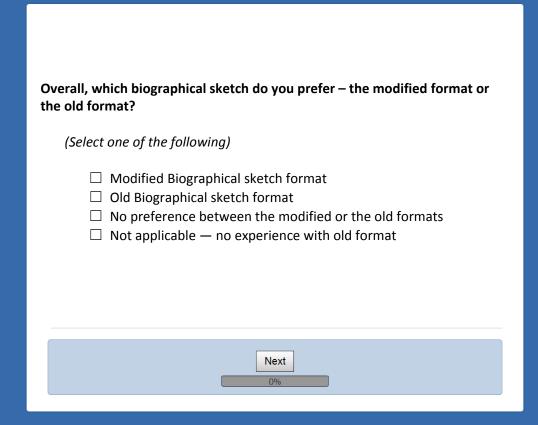
#### Note: Mouseovers will be programmed to define each of the grant activities in the table as follows:

- NIH Research Project Grant Programs are used to support discrete, specified, circumscribed research projects and are NIH's most commonly used programs
- The AREA program supports small-scale research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students at educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds. <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/area.htm</a>
- Center grants are awarded to institutions to support long-term, multi-disciplinary programs of research and development.
- Small Business program is designed to support small business concerns conducting innovative research/research & development with potential for commercialization.
- A fellowship is a NIH training award for degree seeking candidates where the NIH specifies the individual receiving the award.
- Career Awards are for candidates with a research or health–professional doctoral degree or its equivalent who wish to further develop their careers in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research.



In your opinion, does the modified biographical sketch format help, have no effect, or hinder an applicant's chance for a successful review outcome?
(Select one of the following)
☐ Helped ☐ No effect ☐ Hinder ☐ Don't know  If you chose "help" or "hinder" please offer a comment limited to 100 characters that describes how the modified biosketch has helped or hindered applications in the NIH review process.
(100 characters)
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#### How fair is the modified NIH biographical sketch format?

_	1 =	Extreme	ely Fair;		5 = I	Not fair at all
	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know

### How satisfied are you with the modified NIH biographical sketch format?

1 = Extremely Satisfied;5 = Not Satisfied at all12345Don't Know $\Box$  $\Box$  $\Box$  $\Box$ 

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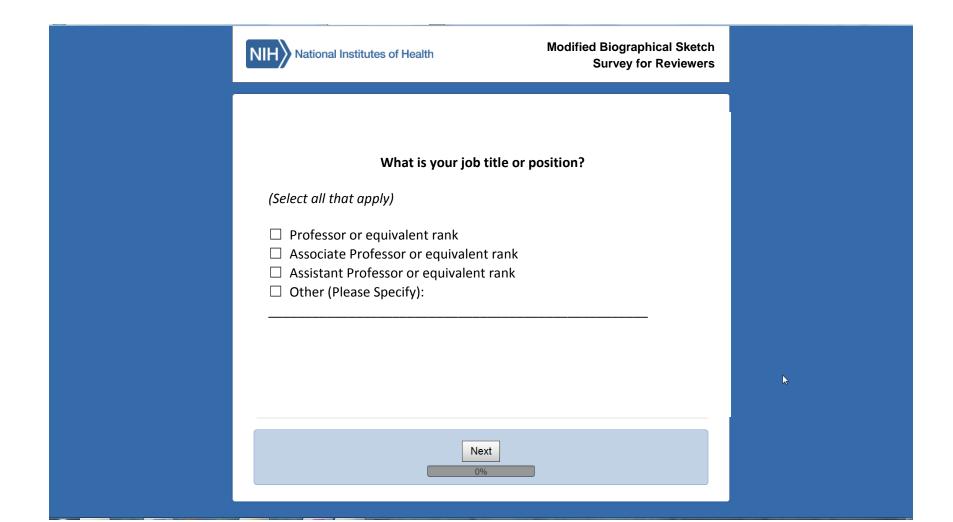


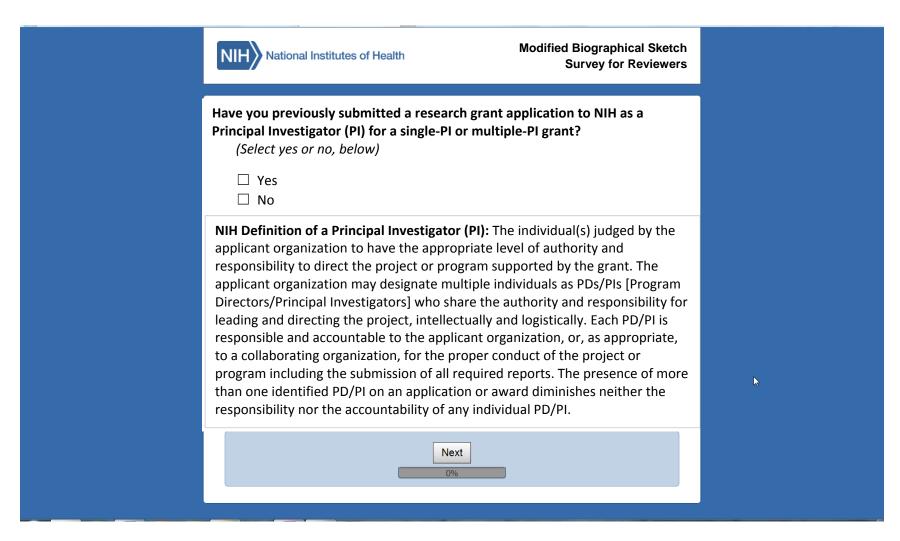
Please rank the following sections of the modified biosketch in order of importance in the evaluation of each application. (1 is most important, 5 least important)

Personal Statement	
Positions and Honors	
Most Important Scientific	
Contributions	
Research Support	
Publications Listed in the	
Biographical Sketch	









Note: If respondent answers "no" to this question, questions on pages 14 and 15 will be skipped.



(Please select one)	
□ 2014	
☐ 2012 to 2013	☐ 1999 to 2001
☐ 2010 to 2011	☐ 1996 to 1998
☐ 2008 to 2009	☐ 1993 to 1995
☐ 2005 to 2007	☐ 1990 to 1992
☐ 2002 to 2004	☐ Prior to 1990
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Please indicate the degree(s) you have. (Select all that apply)						
<ul> <li>□ Ph.D. or other research doctorate</li> <li>□ M.D.</li> <li>□ D.D.S.</li> <li>□ D.V.M. or V.M.D.</li> <li>□ Other (Specify):</li> </ul>						
What is your age?						
<ul> <li>☐ Under 35</li> <li>☐ 35 to 40</li> <li>☐ 41 to 45</li> <li>☐ 46 to 50</li> <li>☐ 51 to 55</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ 56 to 60</li> <li>□ 61 to 65</li> <li>□ 66 to 70</li> <li>□ Over 70</li> <li>□ Do not wish to provide</li> </ul>					
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