

Request for Approval under the “Conference, Meeting, Workshop, and Poster Session Registration Generic Clearance (OD)”
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TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: 2016 Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Principle Investigators’ (PI) Meeting Conference Registration

PURPOSE: The purpose of this information collection is to collect general registrant information (e.g., name, institution, and contact information) and project details/abstracts from the federally-funded BRAIN PI Meeting attendees. Abstracts a <300 word description of their research. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by internal NIH committees responsible for planning the meeting activities and will be used to identify speakers/panelists. The project information may also be used to create a resource for federally-funded BRAIN investigators to use for future collaborations.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Respondents are meeting registrants including National Institutes of Health (NIH)-, National Science Foundation (NSF)-, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)-, and Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA)-funded investigators and associated scientific staff (e.g., postdocs) from academic and private institutions around country who will attend the NIH sponsored 2016 BRAIN PI Meeting on December 11-14th, 2016 in North Bethesda, MD. Respondents also include federal staff (NIH, NSF, DARPA, IARP), BRAIN Initiative related investigators who do not receive federal funding (e.g., Allen Institute, HHMI/Janelia, Human Brain Project), the media, members of congress, patient/advocacy groups, and members of the public.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

Abstract
 Registration Form

Application
 Other: Registration Form that also collects abstracts, only from eligible investigators

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? [] Yes [x] No

Amount: _____

Explanation for incentive: (include number of visits, etc.)

ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS and COSTS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Time per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Individual: Investigator or trainee for a federally funded BRAIN project (abstract submitters)	370	1	1	370
Individual: Investigator or trainee for a federally funded BRAIN project	330	1	30/60	165
Individual: Other or Other BRAIN-related investigator or trainee	300	1	20/60	100
Totals	1000	1000		635

Category of Respondent	Total Burden Hours	Wage Rate*	Total Burden Cost
Individual: Investigator or trainee for a federally funded BRAIN project (abstract submitters)	370	\$36.13	\$13368.10
Individual: Investigator or trainee for a federally funded BRAIN project	165	\$36.13	\$5961.45
Individual: Other or Other BRAIN-related investigator or trainee	99	\$36.13	\$3576.87
Totals			\$22,906.42

*Hourly wage rates for 19-1029 Biologic Scientist is \$36.13 (based on <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes191029.htm>).

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$22050.26.

Staff	Grade/Step	Salary	% of Effort	Fringe (if applicable)	Total Cost to Gov't
Federal Oversight:					
NINDS staff 1	13/2	\$95217	10%		\$9521.70
NINDS staff 2	12/1	\$77490	5%		\$3874.50
Contractor Cost (optional):					
Contractor 1		\$23785.31	15%		\$3567.80
Contractor 2		\$10172.52	50%		\$5086.26
Travel (optional)					
Other Cost (optional)					
Total					\$22,050.26

The selection of targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

BRAIN Initiative PI meetings occur annually and includes, first and foremost, participants who are federal grantees of the US BRAIN Initiative. Abstracts are requested of all federally funded projects. Projects currently funded by NIH can be found on the NIH BRAIN Initiative website (www.braininitiative.nih.gov). Other participating federal agencies provide a list of their current grantees or performers. **We will not sample the investigator population, but will collect 1 abstract per federally funded BRAIN project (FY14-FY16), approximately 370 projects total.** We also have a complete list of participants who attended the BRAIN PI meeting held on Dec. 10-11 in 2015, which numbers 490. Note that the 2015 meeting was not widely advertised and only had select open sessions.

Additional scientists supporting federally funded BRAIN projects may register without submitting an abstract (estimated 330), but this decision is made at the discretion of the research group. Other BRAIN-related investigators or trainees who do not receive federal funding are identified by non-federal groups (e.g., Allen Institute, European Human Brain Project) that publicly and significantly contribute to the Initiative or collaborate with it, and have indicated interest in attending the meeting.

Federal staff are comprised of federal employees and/or contractors who support their agency's contribution to the BRAIN Initiative, and are self-identified at each agency. Members of the media are identified by communications offices from Institutes/Centers participating in the NIH BRAIN Initiative. Additionally, announcements are posted to science media outlets/listservs (e.g., AAAS Eureka Alerts). Members of Congress (and/or their designated staffer) will include current elected officials, with input from the legislative offices of ICs participating in the NIH BRAIN Initiative.

For patient/advocacy groups, lists of groups likely interested and/or invested in the Initiative will be referenced. These lists are held by the communications offices of ICs participating in the NIH BRAIN Initiative, and recommendations from other federal agencies will be requested. For additional members of the general public, information about the meeting will be posted and updated on the NIH BRAIN Initiative website with a request to contact braininitiativeconferences@mail.nih.gov with registration inquiries.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

Web-based or other forms of Social Media

Telephone

In-person

Mail

Survey form

Chart Abstraction

Other, Explain

2. Will interviewers, facilitators, or research coordinators be used? Yes No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.