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Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program

The program aims to help early career scientists become more competitive as grant applicants through first-hand experience with peer review and to enrich and diversify CSR's pool of trained reviewers.

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Benefits of ECR



1. Work side-by-side with some of the most accomplished researchers in your field to help NIH identify the most promising grant applications
2. Learn how reviewers determine overall impact scores
3. Improve your own grant writing skills by getting an insider's view of how grant applications are evaluated
4. Serve the scientific community by participating in NIH peer review
5. Develop research-evaluation and critique-writing skills

ECR Qualifications



Employment

You have at least 2 years of experience as a fulltime faculty member or researcher in a similar role. Post-doctoral fellows are not eligible.

You must be an Assistant Professor or in an equivalent role. Because the program is focused on early career scientists, Associate Professors are not eligible.

Research

You show evidence of an active, independent research program. Examples include publications, presentations, institutional research support, patents, acting as supervisor of student projects.

You have at least 1 senior-authored research publication in a peer-reviewed journal in the last 2 years plus at least 1 additional senior-authored research publication since receiving a doctorate.

- In press publications are considered; preprints are not.
- We consider "senior author" as single author, corresponding author, or first or last author.
- There is no requirement that the recent publication cover work performed at the current institution.

Grant & Review History

You have not served on an NIH study section in any capacity aside from as a mail reviewer. (Mail reviews do not include participation in the meeting.)

You have not held an R01 or R01-equivalent (R35, R37, RF1, R23, R29, DP1, DP2, DPS, U01, RL1) grant in the PD/PI role

You must have submitted a grant proposal, in the PI/PD role, to the NIH and received the associated summary statement; any grant mechanism that results in a summary statement other than F30, F31, F32 fulfills this requirement.

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How it Works

The demand to serve as an ECR far exceeds what we can meet. You may serve as an ECR only once.

After you are accepted in the program, to increase your chances of reviewing, we encourage you to directly contact the SROs who run study sections in your field. The SROs are listed on the study section pages. They welcome your email!

Acceptance into the program means that your name is added to a database that Scientific Review Officers (SRO) use to find eligible reviewers in particular areas of science.

You Will Need

- Full and up-to-date CV (Word or PDF format). Do not submit an NIH biosketch.
- List of terms that describe your areas of scientific expertise. These should be key words or phrases that describe your scientific and technical skills and interests.
- NIH Commons ID (case sensitive).
- Select up to 4 CSR study sections that match your areas of research interest and expertise.
- If you have questions, contact us at CSRearlyCareerReviewer@mail.nih.gov.

Use the ECR Application and Vetting System (EAVS) to apply and update your information.

You must confirm your information yearly or it will be removed from the database.

Once accepted, you will remain in the program until you no longer meet the criteria above.

The system will email you on your anniversary date to update or confirm your qualifications.

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Training Resources for Early Career Scientists

Training Resources National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Extramural Training Mechanisms
Careers
Kiosk - Information about NIH Career Development Awards
National Cancer Institute (NCI)
Training opportunities and funding for cancer training and career development at universities and institutions nationwide
Intramural Training Programs for Students and Researchers available at NCI campuses in Maryland
Funding and training opportunities, researcher and student resources, related to CRCHD's disparities research and diversity training programs
National Eye Institute (NEI)
Training, Careers and Jobs for Postdoctoral and Clinical Fellows, NEI Summer Intern Program, Diversity in Vision Research & Ophthalmology
National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
Training and Careers
National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
Education, training, professional development and career opportunities at NHGRI
Training and Career Development
National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Research Training and Career Award Support
National Advisory Allergy and Infectious Diseases Council (NIAID)
Training and Career
National Institutes of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
Scientific Careers and Training Opportunities
National Institutes of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)
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National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
Training, Education, & Career Development

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- 2015 Webinar for Early Career Reviewers
- View the ECR Webinar and PowerPoint slides
 - What You Need to Know About Application Receipt and Referral
 - Insider's Guide to NIH Peer Review for Applicants
 - Insider's Guide to NIH Peer Review for Reviewers
- View 2014 Meet the Experts in Peer Review Webinars for R01, R15, Fellowship and small business applicants via our Webinar Webpage - <http://www.csr.nih.gov/webinar>
- Appeals of NIH Initial Peer Review
- Insider's Guide to Peer Review

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