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2019 NIH Common Fund Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions (SPARC)

2019 Program and Award Management Process Feedback

The purpose of this survey by the NIH Common Fund is to collect feedback about the NIH Common Fund Stimulating Peripheral Activity to Relieve Conditions (SPARC) Program and Award management process. Your feedback will help improve future SPARC Other Transaction (OT) award management processes.

Participation is voluntary and responses will be kept confidential.

You have the option to not respond to any questions that you choose. Participation or nonparticipation will not impact your relationship with the NIH. Submission of the survey will be interpreted as your informed consent to participate and that you affirm that you are at least 18 years of age.

It is estimated that this survey will take less than 12 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions about this survey, contact Ms. Kristina Faulk at (301) 402-9185 or kristina.faulk@nih.gov.

1. Overall, how would you rate the SPARC program and award management process?

Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

2. Please indicate the number of times you have participated (e.g., as the principal investigator, co-investigator, major contributor, etc.) in the following types of SPARC program management processes by choosing the appropriate option for each item below.

	0	1	2	3	4 or more
Letters of Intent (LOIs) and/or Pre-applications (OT1s) submitted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Applications submitted (U18, U01, OT2 and/or OT3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Application review summaries received	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Initial award negotiations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Awards funded	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Award terminations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Award close-outs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Please indicate the extent that you agree or disagree with the following statements about the goals of the awarded project(s).

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree Not Applicable

The project goals were appropriate as compared to those stated in the application.

The project goals evolved over the course of the project (e.g., due to the science, better understanding of the program).

The project goals helped advance the project from basic science discovery to a pre-clinical or clinical endpoint.

The project goals were feasible (e.g., the time frame was sufficient to achieve the goal(s)).

11. Compared to other NIH scientific programs, which of the approaches listed below made the SPARC program management process more or less effective? (Check the appropriate box for each approach below.)

	More Effective	Somewhat More Effective	Neither More or Less Effective	Somewhat Less Effective	Less Effective
Submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) and/or Pre-applications (OT1s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submission of applications (U18, U01, OT2 and/or OT3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Review of applications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negotiation of awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active management of awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Early termination of awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close-out of completed awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Please specify any other unique approaches that you are aware of that were used for managing SPARC programs.

13. Additional comments and suggestions regarding the SPARC program and award management process are welcome (e.g., how to improve the process or issues that occurred during the process).

DONE

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