

### 3. Revised Instructions for Reference Letters

NIH proposes to update the instructions for reference letters with more structure so that the resulting letters better assist reviewers in understanding the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, and potential to pursue a productive career in biomedical science. Writers would be instructed to respond to four questions addressing:

1. Two to four most important characteristics that will contribute to applicant's success.
2. Two to four areas of needed growth.
3. Intellectual contributions made by the applicant during training.
4. Overall assessment of readiness and potential.

### 4. Allow an Optional Statement of Special Circumstance

NIH recommends allowing fellowship applicants to submit an *optional* Statement of Special Circumstance to address situations that may have hindered the trainee's progress, such as harassment, the COVID-19 pandemic, or other personal or professional circumstances.

Additional detail on proposed changes to the Fellowship Supplement can be found at: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/peer/improving-nrsa-fellowship/reviewer-instructions>.

### Submitting a Response

Comments should be submitted electronically to the following web page at: <https://rfi.grants.nih.gov/?s=642ed5def0356688b20e6be3>.

This RFI is for planning purposes only and should not be construed as a policy, solicitation for applications, or as an obligation on the part of the Government to provide support for any ideas identified in response to it. Please note that the Government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for its use of that information.

Please do not include any proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information in your response. Responses will be compiled and a content analysis will be shared publicly after the close of the comment period. The NIH may use information gathered by this Notice to inform future policy development.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; HEAL Initiative: Therapeutics Development for Opioid Use Disorder in Patients with Co-occurring Mental Disorders (UG3/UH3).

*Date:* May 23, 2023.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Sindhu Kizhakke Madathil, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Division of Extramural Research, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5702, [sindhu.kizhakkemadathil@nih.gov](mailto:sindhu.kizhakkemadathil@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Developed Regulated Therapeutic and Diagnostic Solutions for Patients Affected by Opioid and/or Stimulants Use Disorders.

*Date:* June 1, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Shareen Amina Iqbal, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443-4577, [shareen.iqbal@nih.gov](mailto:shareen.iqbal@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; BRAIN Initiative: Brain-Behavior Quantification and Synchronization—Transformative and Integrative Models of Behavior at the Organismal Level.

*Date:* June 5, 2023.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Soyoun Cho, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-9460, [Soyoun.cho@nih.gov](mailto:Soyoun.cho@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; BRAIN Initiative: Brain-Behavior Quantification and Synchronization—Transformative and Integrative Models of Behavior at the Organismal Level.

*Date:* June 7, 2023.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Soyoun Cho, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-9460, [Soyoun.cho@nih.gov](mailto:Soyoun.cho@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Functional Validation and/or Characterization of Genes or Variants Implicated in SUD.

*Date:* June 5, 2023.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Ipolia R. Ramadan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-4471, [ramadanir@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ramadanir@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants (R01).

*Date:* June 8, 2023.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Marisa Srivareerat, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Office of Extramural Policy, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, MSC 6021, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1258, [marisa.srivareerat@nih.gov](mailto:marisa.srivareerat@nih.gov).

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Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel; Diversity and Technologies for Health Disparities RFAs review SEP.

*Date:* June 2, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Dem II, Suite 920, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Yoon-Young Jang, MD, Scientific Review Officer, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 827-3025, [yoonyoung.jang@nih.gov](mailto:yoonyoung.jang@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel; P41 NCBIB Review E-SEP.

*Date:* June 21-23, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Dem II, Suite 920, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Tianhong Wang, MD, Scientific Review Officer, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1189, [wangt3@mail.nih.gov](mailto:wangt3@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

*Date:* May 22, 2023.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G56, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Maryam Rohani, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3G56, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 761-6656, [maryam.rohani@nih.gov](mailto:maryam.rohani@nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

*Date:* May 2, 2023.

*Closed:* 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate personnel qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

*Place:* National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Biomedical Research Center, 251 Bayview Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21224 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Deon M. Harvey, Ph.D., Management Analyst, Office of the Scientific Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 251 Bayview Boulevard, Room 04A314, Baltimore, MD 21224, (443) 740-2466, [deon.harvey@nih.gov](mailto:deon.harvey@nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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