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Proposed Revised Simplified Review Framework

An Overall Impact Score (scored 1–9) will reflect the overall scientific and technical merit of the application. Reviewers will take into account their assessments of the three factors below and the following additional criteria in determining an Overall Impact Score. Of the three factors, only Factor 1: Importance of the Research and Factor 2: Feasibility and Rigor, will receive individual scores. In the revised framework, Factor 3: Expertise and Resources will not receive an individual score. The additional review criteria below will not receive individual scores but will be considered in arriving at the Overall Impact Score. Two review considerations will be evaluated but have no effect on the Overall Impact Score. Detailed descriptions of the three factors can be found here <https://grants.nih.gov/policyproposed-Framework/reviewer-guidance.htm>.

Factor 1: Importance of the Research (scored 1–9).

Factor 1 is based on the criteria Significance and Innovation.

Factor 2: Feasibility and Rigor (scored 1–9).

Factor 2 is based on the criteria Approach.

Factor 3: Expertise and Resources (rated as “fully capable”, “appropriate” or “additional capability/expertise needed” or “additional resources needed”)

Factor 3 is based on the criteria Investigator and Environment. If “additional expertise/capability needed” or “additional resources needed” is selected, justification must be provided.

Additional Criteria (not scored, but affecting Overall Impact):

- Human Subject Protections
 - Inclusion of Women, Minorities, and Individuals Across the Lifespan
 - Vertebrate Animals
 - Biohazards
 - Resubmission/Renewal/Revisions
- Each of the Additional Criteria except the last will be rated as “Appropriate”, with no comments required, or as “Concerns”, which must be briefly justified. Resubmission/Renewal/Revisions will be given brief written evaluations.

Additional Review Considerations (not scored and having no effect on Overall Impact):

- Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources
- Rated as “Appropriate” with no comments required, or as “Concerns”, which must be briefly described.
- Budget and Period of Support
- Rated as “Appropriate”, “Excessive”, or “Inadequate”; the latter two ratings requiring a brief account of concerns.

The additional review considerations, including Foreign Organizations, Select Agents, and Resource Sharing Plans, will no longer be evaluated by peer reviewers.

Restructuring the categorization and scoring of criteria in this way reduces the number of scores reviewers need to provide, and policy considerations reviewers need to take into account when evaluating scientific merit. It focuses reviewers on the two most important judgements about a proposed research project; how important the research is, and how rigorous and feasible the approach is. Evaluation of the investigators and research environment is framed in terms of whether the expertise and resources needed to accomplish the project are available, thus diminishing halo effects—diffuse judgements of investigator or institutional reputation that bias judgements of research importance, rigor, and feasibility.

Submitting a Response

Comments should be submitted electronically to the following web page at: <https://rfi.grants.nih.gov/?s=638509b5409baa49f803e572>.

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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National Institutes of Health

National Human Genome Research Institute; 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.

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Name of Committee: Center for Inherited Disease Research Access Committee.

Date: January 6, 2023.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Suite 3100, Room 3185, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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