

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research.

*Date:* March 20, 2023.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; HEAL Initiative: HEAL Data2Action—Innovation and Acceleration Projects, Phased Awards.

*Date:* March 22, 2023.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Trinh T. Tran, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Office of Extramural Policy, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5843 [trinh.tran@nih.gov](mailto:trinh.tran@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Registry of Medical Cannabis Use and Health Outcomes.

*Date:* March 24, 2023.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate cooperative agreement applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Gerald L. McLaughlin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Policy and Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5819, [gm145a@nih.gov](mailto:gm145a@nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Omnibus Topic 167: Cause of Death Elucidated (CODE) in Drug Overdose: Research and Development of New Postmortem Toxicology Screening Devices That Are Portable, Rapid, Accurate, Affordable, and Accessible.

*Date:* March 30, 2023.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

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

*Contact Person:* Gerald L. McLaughlin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Policy and Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-5819, [gm145a@nih.gov](mailto:gm145a@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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Notice To Announce Updated Minimum Performance Standards for Experienced Firms That Receive Funding Through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the updated minimum performance standards for experienced firms funded through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

**DATES:** The relevant funding opportunity announcements have been updated to incorporate these changes. The updated performance standards will be required of any firms submitting SBIR or STTR grant or cooperative agreement applications on or after April 5, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Please visit our website to view the updated Minimum Performance Standards for Experienced Firms at <https://seed.nih.gov/small-business-funding/small-business-program-basics/eligibility-criteria>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Fertig, HHS Small Business Program Lead, Small business Education & Entrepreneurial Development (SEED) Office, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, Rockledge I, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20817. Email: [seedinfo@nih.gov](mailto:seedinfo@nih.gov). Phone number (301) 435-2688.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The new minimum standards are aligned with Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15

U.S.C. 638), as amended by the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-183).

HHS is announcing the following changes:

*Phase I to Phase II Transition Rate Benchmark:* In accordance with guidance from the SBA, the HHS SBIR/STTR Program is implementing the Phase I to Phase II Transition Rate benchmark required by the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011 and the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022. The benchmark establishes a minimum number of Phase II awards the company must have received for a given number of Phase I awards received during the 5-year time period. The Transition Rate is calculated as the total number of SBIR and STTR Phase II awards a company received during the past 5 fiscal years divided by the total number of SBIR and STTR Phase I awards it received during the past 5 fiscal years excluding the most recently-completed year.

*Phase II to Commercialization Benchmark:* In accordance with guidance from the SBA, HHS, including NIH, SBIR/STTR Programs are implementing the Phase II to Commercialization Rate benchmark for Phase I applicants, as required by the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011 and the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022. The Commercialization Rate Benchmark was published in a **Federal Register** notice on August 8, 2013 (78 FR 48537).

This update is applicable to all HHS SBIR and STTR grants and cooperative agreements with application receipt dates on or after April 5, 2023. This update supersedes, in its entirety, previous Phase I to Phase II transition benchmarks established in May 2013 (78 FR 30951) and previous Commercialization Benchmarks established in September 2013 (78 FR 59410). Additional information can be found at: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-23-092.htm>.

Dated: February 16, 2023.

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#### National Library of Medicine; Notice of Meeting

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