

# NIH Biosketch and Other Support Updates



# Implemented Changes

- Changed Announced in [NOT-OD-21-073](#)
- Reformatted Biosketch
- New Requirements for Other Support page
- Effective for new applications and RPPRs due on or after May 25, 2021



# Purpose for Changes

- Align NIH documents with government-wide guidance
- Increase transparency for foreign influence and support



# Changes to the Biosketch

- **Section A: Personal Statement.** This section has been updated to include ongoing and completed research projects from the past three years. This was previously known as “Research Support” which was included in Section D of the biosketch.
- **Section B: Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors.** Individuals completing a biosketch must list, in reverse chronological order, all positions and scientific appointments, both foreign and domestic, including affiliations with foreign entities or governments. This includes academic, professional, or institutional appointments regardless of payment. All full-time, part-time, or voluntary positions (including adjunct, visiting, or honorary) must be included.
- **Section D: Research Support.** Section D has been removed from non-fellowship biosketches. For fellowships, Section D no longer includes research support and is renamed “Scholastic Performance.”



# Changes to Other Support Page

- A reorganization of the page to separate funded projects from in-kind contributions; and
- A new signature block for PIs and other senior/key personnel to certify the accuracy of the information.



# NIH Guidance for Other Support Page

- NIH emphasizes that Other Support includes **ALL** resources made available to a researcher in support of and/or related to all their research endeavors.
- Reporting of Other Support is required for all individuals designated in an application as senior/key personnel and is not required for individuals categorized as Other Significant Contributors.
- This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Resources and/or financial support from all foreign and domestic entities;
  - Consulting agreements; and
  - In-kind contributions.
- Other support does not include training awards, prizes, or gifts.



# Additional Requirements – Effective May 25, 2021

- Provide supporting documentation, including copies of contracts, grants, and any other agreement specific to senior/key personnel foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution for all foreign activities and resources that are reported in Other Support. All documents must be in the English language.
- Immediately update the Other Support page and submit it to the Grants Management Specialist named on the Notice of Award when a PI or other senior/key personnel on an active NIH grant fails to disclose Other Support information outside of a Just-in-Time request or the RPPR.



# SciENcv

- The updated SciENcv Biosketch template will be available in March 2021. Individuals with an existing biosketch in SciENcv will be able to transfer their current biosketch information into the new format.
- An update for Other Support will be available beginning in FY 2022. Until the template is available, applicants are required to use the Word Format page converted to a PDF and e-signed for Other Support.





# Impact

- The new biosketch format must be used on all RPPRs as of May 25
- This impacts the June and July reporting periods
- Grace Period: NIH will not withdraw applications that include the previous biosketch format until January 25, 2022.



# Resources

- [NIH Notice NOT-OD-21-073](#)
- [Biosketch Format Pages, Instructions, and Samples](#)
- [Information for Other Support Page](#)
- [Updated FAQs for Other Support](#)

