The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is the portal for NIH grant applications and their review for scientific merit. We receive all research grant applications sent to NIH and handle the review of more than 70% of those by organizing peer review groups (study sections) to evaluate research grant applications. Our mission is to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews – free from inappropriate influences – so NIH can fund the most promising research.

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Applications are reviewed in Study Sections (Scientific Review Group, SRG). Integrated Review Groups (IRGs) are clusters of Study Sections based on scientific discipline.

Policy Changes

- Notice of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and Anticipated Implementation Plan
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) and Other Fellowship Applications: New Policy on Post-Submission Information on Sponsor’s Research Funding
- NIH Research Involving Chimpanzees
- New Dates for New Investigator A1 R01 Applications Submitted for Standard Dates

News

- CSR’s Acting Director Addresses Community Concerns
- January Peer Review Notes Now Online
- NIH Seeks Input on Diversity Related to the Research Workforce and Peer Review
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Review most investigator-initiated research applications (R01, R03, R21, R15, and Ks). Standing study sections are those with both permanent members and temporary members.

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Recurring special emphasis panels (SEPs) review Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Technology Transfer Research applications (STTR). They include only temporary members.

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**Fellowship Study Sections**

Recurring special emphasis panels (SEPs) review individual fellowship grant applications - F30, F31, F32, F33. Temporary members are recruited based on expertise needed for each meeting.

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