

Sponsored Programs Administration

Buzz Session

January 7, 2026
12:10 – 1:00 PM CT



Special January Buzz Agenda



- NIH Updates
- NIH Implementation of the Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support



NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution (NOT-OD-26-011)

11/21/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-011.html>

On 11/12/2025, President Trump signed the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-37)

- Continues government operations through 01/30/2026, at FY25 levels (no reductions)
 - I/Cs may, at their discretion, issue non-competing awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent NOA
- The following FY25 notices remain in effect
 - Legislative Mandates (NOT-OD-24-110)
 - Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements (NOT-OD-25-085)
 - Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award predoctoral and postdoctoral levels (NOT-OD-25-105)



Updated Guidance on Reopening of NIH Extramural Activities Following the October 1, 2025 - Lapse in Appropriations (NOT-OD- 26-012) 11/24/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-012.html>

Post-submission Materials

- For applications for January 2026 Council, NIH will accept post-submission materials up to one week before the scheduled peer review meeting (typically due 30 days before)

Early Stage Investigator Eligibility

- NIH will automatically adjust ESI status for applicants whose status changed during the period of delay caused by the shutdown

Peer Review Meetings

- Rescheduling
- Reducing percentage of applications discussed
- Simplifying summary statements



Updated Application Policies: NIH Administrative Burden Reduction Effort – Removal of Requirements for Letters of Intent and Unsolicited Applications Requesting \$500,000 or More in Direct Costs (NOT-OD-26-019) 12/03/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-019.html>

Effective immediately

- **Letters of Intent** will no longer be requested, accepted, or acknowledged
- Unsolicited Applications **Requesting \$500,000 or More in Direct Costs** in any Budget Period no longer require permission



Updated Implementation Guidance of NIH Policy on Foreign Subawards for Active Projects (NOT-OD-25-130) 07/18/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-130.html>

NIH will not issue awards that include a subaward to a foreign entity.

Options

- Renegotiate with primary recipient to move activities to a domestic organization
- Remove scope of foreign component from overall project scope
- Bilaterally terminate award
- **New; temporary:** Renegotiate award structure so foreign subawards are financially removed from the primary award and awarded as administrative supplement
- **Stay tuned:** Another new award structure



New Application Structure for NIH-Funded International Collaborations (NOT-OD-25-155) 09/12/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-155.html>

PF5	Collaborative International Research Project	https://grants.nih.gov/funding/activity-codes/PF5
UF5	Collaborative International Cooperative Agreement	https://grants.nih.gov/funding/activity-codes/UF5
RF2	Linked International Research Project	https://grants.nih.gov/funding/activity-codes/RF2
UL2	Linked International Cooperative Agreement	https://grants.nih.gov/funding/activity-codes/UL2

	Domestic Applicant / Recipient	Foreign Collaborator
Application (single)	Overall Component Research Project	International Component
Review	<p>Including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries • Relevance to the mission/objectives of IC and potential for significantly advancing health sciences in US 	
<i>Disaggregation</i>		
Just in Time	For own project	<p>For own project.</p> <p>Must be registered in SAM, Grants.gov, and Commons.</p>
Award	RF2 or UL2	PF5 or UF5
Programmatic Reporting	TBD	
Financial Reporting	For own award	For own award

Updated Terms and Conditions of Award – Termination and Compliance with Court Orders (NOT-OD-26-009) 11/18/2025
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-009.html>

Effective 10/01/2025, all new NOAs will include the following terms:

- *This award is subject to the termination provisions at 2 CFR 200.340. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.340, by accepting an NIH award, the recipient agrees that continued funding for the award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds, recipient satisfactory performance, compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the award, and may also otherwise be terminated, to the extent authorized by law, if the agency determines that the award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities, in line with 2 CFR 200.340(a)(4).*
- *Any term or condition in this Notice of Award, including those incorporated by reference, that NIH is enjoined by court order from imposing or enforcing, shall not apply or be enforced as to any recipient or subrecipient to which that court order applies and while that court order is in effect.*

Reminder of Compliance Requirements for NIH Extramural Recipients Related to Renegotiated Aims, Objectives, Titles, and Abstracts (NOT-OD-26-007) 11/18/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-007.html>

- All changes in scope that are agreed upon by the NIH and AOR - including those renegotiated to align with NIH priorities - become new terms and conditions of the award
- Recipients must comply with the new terms and conditions, unless the NIH has been enjoined by court order from imposing such terms
- NIH can take an enforcement actions, including termination, for non-compliance



Research Security Training Requirements for NIH (NOT-OD-26-017)

12/02/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-017.html>

Effective for applications for due dates on or after 05/25/2026

Topic	UNMC Compliance mandatory training
Cybersecurity	Information Security Awareness
International collaboration	TBD
Foreign interference	TBD
Rules for proper use of funds	TBD
Disclosure	Conflict of Interest (new, renewal)
Conflict of commitment	TBD
Conflict of interest	Conflict of Interest (new, renewal)



Reminder: NIH Applications Must Be Complete and Compliant with NIH Policy and Application Instructions at Time of Submission

(NOT-OD-26-025) 12/17/2025

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-025.html>

- Applicants must follow all application instructions, including those in the SF424 Application Guide, NOFO, policy Notices, and other Notices
 - Because eRA Commons does not provide Warnings or Errors for every violation, applicants should not rely on validations
- The submission deadline is 5 PM local (applicant organization) time on the application due date
- Placeholder attachments must not be used





NIH Implementation of the CommonForms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support



NIH's Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026

NOT-OD-26-018 <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-018.html>

NIH will require the use of SCIENCV to complete the Common Forms for applications with due dates on or after **January 25, 2026**.

ERA systems will have validations so that applications will **Error** out if the correct form is not used in the proposal.

ORCID ID Requirements

- Individuals must obtain an ORCID ID.
- ORCID ID must be linked to their era Commons account.
- The ID must be displayed in the Common Form.



Scenario	Current Bio and OS	Common Form
Application submission – due date on or before 1/24/2026	X	
Application submission – due date on or after 1/25/2026		X
Applications submitted on or after 1/25/2026 that fall under the NIH Late Submission Policy or NIH Continuous Submission Policy		X
RPPR or JIT submission on or before 1/24/2026	X	
RPPR or JIT submission on or after 1/25/2026		X
Prior Approval Request submission on or before 1/24/2026	X	
Prior Approval Request submission on or after 1/25/2026		X



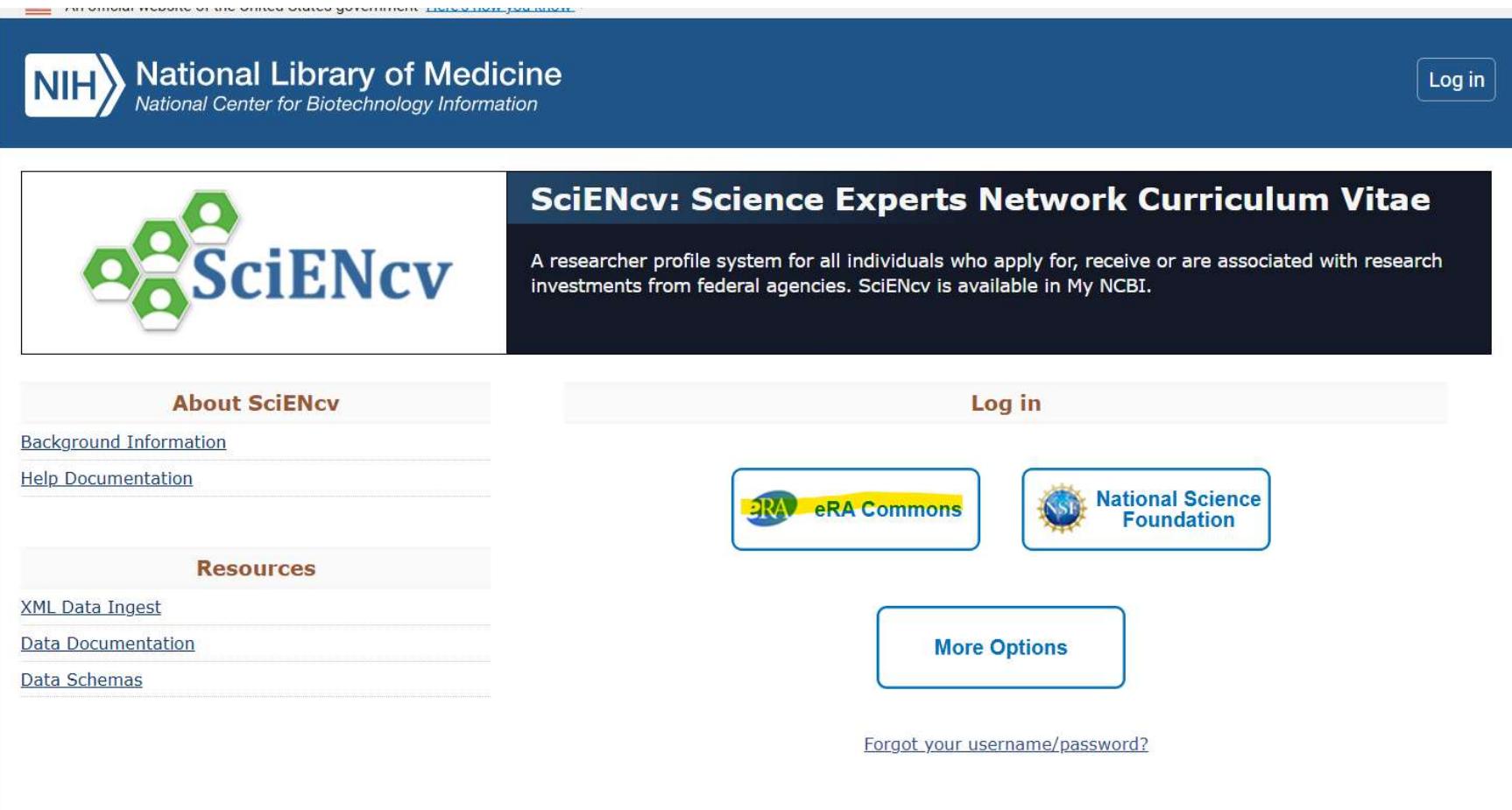
Resources

NIH Notice NOT-OD-26-018 on Common Forms Implementation	https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-018.html
SciENcv	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/
NIH Common Forms website	https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies/common-forms-for-biosketch
SPA Website Article	Sponsored Programs Adm... UNMC Guides
Instructions for Biographical Sketch Common Form	https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/biographical-sketch-common-form
Instructions for NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement	https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/nih-biographical-sketch-supplement
Instructions for Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form	https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/cpos-common-form

NIH Common Forms: SCIENCV

How to log into SciENcv

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/>



The screenshot shows the SciENcv homepage. At the top, the NIH National Library of Medicine logo and the text "National Center for Biotechnology Information" are visible, along with a "Log in" button. The main title "SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae" is prominently displayed, followed by a description: "A researcher profile system for all individuals who apply for, receive or are associated with research investments from federal agencies. SciENcv is available in My NCBI." On the left, there is a "SciENcv" logo featuring three green hexagonal icons with white human figures inside. Below the logo are sections for "About SciENcv" (Background Information, Help Documentation) and "Resources" (XML Data Ingest, Data Documentation, Data Schemas). On the right, there are links for "Log in", "eRA Commons" (with a logo), "National Science Foundation" (with a logo), and a "More Options" button. At the bottom, a link for "Forgot your username/password?" is provided.

NIH National Library of Medicine
National Center for Biotechnology Information

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NIH Common Forms: SCIENCV

Adding Delegates

Adding Delegates to SciENcv

Go to: 

My NCBI users can grant access to other persons (delegates) to view and manage their SciENcv biosketches. The delegates will then be able to create, modify or delete the information in the SciENcv account to which they have been granted access.

The option to **Add a delegate** is available through the [Accounts Settings](#) page. The Delegates section of the Account Settings page displays a list of all the delegates granted access to either your My Bibliography collection or your SciENcv, or both. In the Delegates section you may add or remove delegates as well as **modify the access** granted, see '[Adding and Removing Delegates](#).'



NIH Common Forms: Biographical Sketch



NIH Common Forms: Biosketch

SciENcv New Document

Create a New Document

Asterisks () indicate required fields.*

Document Name *

Document type *

NIH Biographical Sketch Common Form

Data source *

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CANCEL

CREATE



NIH Common Forms: Biographical Sketch

Current NIH Bio Format: 5 page limit	Common Forms NIH Bio Format: no page limit
Identifying Information and Education/Training	Identifying Information, Organization and Locations <ul data-bbox="1157 470 1516 507" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1157 470 1516 507">○ Link ORCID ID
A. Personal Statement <ul data-bbox="234 616 1036 784" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="234 616 1036 654">○ Include up to 4 product citations<li data-bbox="234 675 1036 784">○ List relevant active and completed projects from the past 3 years	A. Professional Preparation <ul data-bbox="1157 616 1622 654" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1157 616 1622 654">○ Education/Training
B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors	B. Appointments and Positions <ul data-bbox="1157 943 2029 1253" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1157 943 2029 1253">○ Must only identify all domestic/foreign positions outside of the primary organization within the past 3 years of the date the applicant submits the proposal
C. Contributions to Science <ul data-bbox="234 1351 1058 1519" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="234 1351 1058 1519">○ List up to 5 contributions to science with up to 4 citations for each contribution.	C. Products <ul data-bbox="1157 1351 1966 1584" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1157 1351 1966 1584">○ List up to 5 products related to the proposed project, and 5 other significant products that highlight contribution to science

NIH Common Forms: Biographical Sketch

Current NIH Bio Format	Common Forms NIH Bio Format
	<p>NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement</p> <p>A. Personal Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May include active and completed projects from the past 3 years• Limited to 3,500 characters <p>B. Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List up to 15 entries <p>C. Contributions to Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe up to 5 contributions• May reference up to 5 other significant products from Product section• Do not provide full citation of products• 2,000 character limit per contribution
	<p>Certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• S/K Personnel certifies to the accuracy of the form, no alignment with a malign foreign talent agency, and completed research security training

NIH Common Forms: New Biographical Sketch Format

Identifying Information, Organization and Location

Document Name	Organization
Name	Location
Position/Title	Link ORCID ID
Era Commons ID	

A. Professional Preparation

List the senior/key person's professional preparation in reverse chronological order

- Education and training
- Include postdoc and fellowships
- Include baccalaureate degree or other initiate professional education



NIH Common Forms: New Biographical Sketch Format

B. Appointments and Positions

List the senior/key person's academic, professional, or institutional appointments and positions in reverse chronological order. Begin with the current appointment.

- Academic, professional, or institutional position
- Whether or not remuneration is received
- Full-time, part-time, or voluntary

Must identify all domestic and foreign professional appointments/positions outside of the primary organization for up to three years from the date the application is submitted.



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C. Products

- List up to five products closely related to the proposed project.
- List up to five other significant projects that highlight contribution to science.
- Use the NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement to describe contributions in more details and reference these products.

Examples of Products	
Publications, conference papers, and presentations	Website(s)
Technologies or techniques	Inventions, patents, patent applications, and/or licenses
Data, databases, or datasets, physical collections, audio or video products	Software, models, education aids or curricula, instruments or equipment



NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement

A. Personal Statement

- Describe why you are well-suited for the role on this project: aspects of training, previous experimental work, technical expertise, collaborators, scientific environment, past performance in related fields
 - Include ongoing and completed research projects from the past three years
- Limited to 3,500 characters
- May address factors that affected your past productivity: family care, illness, disability, or military service
- Include any other names you may have published under



NIH Common Forms: New Biosketch Format: NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement

B. Honors

- List relevant academic and professional achievements and honors
- Limited to 15 entries

Students, Postdocs, and Junior Faculty should include applicable scholarships, traineeships, fellowships, and developmental awards

Clinicians should include clinical licensures and specialty board certifications



C. Contributions to Science

- Describe up to five of your most significant contributions to science.
 - Include the historical background that frames the scientific problem, central finding(s), influence of the finding(s) on the progress of science, and your specific role in the described work.
 - Do not include figures, tables or graphics
- May reference up to five products listed in the Other Significant Products section of the biosketch.
 - No specific format, but recommended to refer to title, author's last name, publication, and/or year of publication.
 - Do not provide the full citation.
- Each contribution limited to 2,000 characters.



NIH Common Forms: New Biosketch Format

Certification

I certify that the information provided is current, accurate, and complete. This includes but is not limited to information related to domestic and foreign appointments and positions.

I also certify that, at the time of submission, I am not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program.

I also certify that, as senior/key personnel listed within this application, I have taken the required research security training consistent and in compliance with Section 10634 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022.

Misrepresentations and/or omissions may be subject to prosecution and liability pursuant to, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1031 and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 and 3802.



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support



NIH Common Forms: Other Support

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Document type *

NIH Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form

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NIH Common Forms: Other Support

Current NIH Other Support	Common Forms NIH Other Support
Person Months: Calendar or Academic/Summer Months	Person Months: Effort classified only in Person Months
Major Goals Field	Overall Objectives: The field label changed; limited to 1,500 characters.
Estimated Dollar Value of In-Kind Contribution: Estimate required regardless of the time commitment or dollar value.	US Dollar Value of In-Kind Contribution: The field label changed. An In-Kind Contribution should only be reported if estimated at \$5,000 or more AND requires a commitment of effort.
Overlap Section: Overlap is summarized at the end of the document.	Statement of Potential Overlap: Each entry will have its own Statement of Potential Overlap rather than being summarized at the end.
Supporting Documentation: Append as a PDF following the Other Support Form	Supporting Documentation: Not attached to the Other Support document in SciENcv. It will be attached in a separate field when submitting via JIT, RPPR, or PAR modules.

NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

Identifying Information, Organization and Location	
Document Name	Organization Name
Name	Location
Position Title	Era Commons ID
ORCID ID	

Proposals and Active Projects Section

Current – list all active projects from whatever source irrespective of whether the support provided is through the proposing organization or is provided directly to the individual

Pending – list any proposal being considered for funding from a potential funding organization (including this proposal) irrespective of whether the support is through the proposing organization or directly to the individual



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

Proposals and Active Projects	
Title	Status of Support – current/pending
Award Number	Source of Support
Primary Place of Performance	Total Anticipated Award Amount
Start and End Date	Person Months Per Year
Overall Objectives	Statement of Overlap



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions need to be disclosed if they meet the following criteria:

- Estimated dollar value of \$5,000 or more
- Require a commitment of the individual's time

What is an in-kind contribution?

- Non-cash contribution provided by an external entity that directly supports the individuals' research and development efforts

Examples of in-kind contributions:

Real property

Supplies

Laboratory space

Other expendable property

Equipment

Goods and services

Data or data sets

Employee or student resources



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

In Kind Contributions	
Summary of In Kind Contribution	Status of Support – current/pending
US Dollar Value	Source of Support
Receipt Date of Contribution	Person Months Per Year
Overall Objectives	Statement of Overlap



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

Disclosure of Consulting Activities

Consulting activities should be disclosed in the proposals and active projects sections if any of the scenarios below apply:

- Activity requires the senior/key person to perform research as part of the consulting activity
- The activity does not involve performing research, but is related to the senior/key person's research portfolio and has the ability to impact funding, alter time or effort commitments, or otherwise impact scientific activity
- The consulting entity has provided a contract that requires the senior/key person to conceal or withhold confidential financial or other ties between the senior/key person and the entity, irrespective of the duration of the engagement

Supporting Documentation – For NIH, institutions are required to submit copies of contracts specific to senior/key personnel foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution for all foreign activities and resources that are reported in the Other Support.



NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support Certification

I certify that the information provided is current, accurate, and complete. This includes but is not limited to current, pending, and other support (both foreign and domestic) as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 6605.

I also certify that, at the time of submission, I am not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program.

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NIH Common Forms: Current and Pending (Other) Support

Joint University and VA Appointments

Reporting Effort

- Effort should be reported as the Person-Months per Year devoted to the project associated with the Individual's appointment at either the University or VA
- Individuals should not report the equivalent level of Total Professional Effort

Organizing Entries by Appointment

- Entries should be organized by the appointment of the Individual
- Enter "UNMC Appointment" or "VA Appointment" at the beginning of the Overall Objectives field to indicate appointment.

<https://grants.nih.gov/sites/default/files/Common%20Form%20NIH%20Current%20and%20Pending%20%28Other%29%20Support%20Form.pdf>



NIH Common Forms: FAQs

<https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/common-forms-biographical-sketch-current-pending-support.htm?anchor=57835>

7. Can I submit the Common Forms for my application submission and all JIT, Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), and Prior Approval submissions for due dates before January 25, 2026?

Under no circumstances may applicants or recipients use the Common Forms for submissions to NIH for JIT, RPPR, prior approval submissions and/or application due dates **on or before January 24, 2026**. Applicants and recipients must continue to use the current NIH [Biosketch](#) (generated either through [SciENcv](#) or NIH Form Library.docx templates) and [Other Support](#) Format Pages for all submissions to NIH until NIH's official implementation of the Common Forms. **Applications that do not comply with these instructions will not be accepted for review.**

UPDATE: [SciENcv](#) has built in the functionality to where users will be able to use the data from their PREVIEW versions to submit to NIH once the Common Forms become required for submission. Starting the week of December 15, 2025, when SciENcv deploys the Common Forms in production, all existing PREVIEW documents will be converted into the appropriate Common Forms format to use for submission. The user will be able to open, edit, and download the documents, which will have the correct metadata attached to them to allow for submission.

15. What actions are allowed after downloading a certified PDF file from SciENcv?

A generated PDF file can be **renamed**. However, a file must **not** be **exported** or **opened and re-saved** in another application. Do **not** flatten the PDF once certified and downloaded from SciENcv (unless otherwise noted in the Application Guide or Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Instructions). This will affect the metadata of the file so that it could not be uploaded to eRA Commons.



SciENcv Demo





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