NIH Common Forms: Biographical Sketch and Other Support

Effective Date: January 25, 2026
- Applicants are required to use the NIH Common Forms for proposals with due dates on or after January 25, 2026 and for all JIT, RPPR, and prior approval requests submitted on or after January 25, 2026.

Other requirements:
- All Senior/Key Personnel must have an ORCID ID and link it to their era Commons profile and their Common Forms
- Senior/Key Personnel must use ScienCV to draft and sign the Common Forms
- The biographical sketch and OS have no page limits, though certain sections may have specified limits

NIH Common Form Biographical Sketch Format

Identifying Information, Organization and Location

Name	Organization/Start Date	ORCID ID
Position Title	Location	era Commons ID

A. Professional Preparation

List training and education in reverse chronological order. Include postdoc, fellowship training, and undergrad degree.

B. Appointments and Positions

List all academic, professional, or institutional appointments in reverse chronological order. Begin with the current position.

C. Products

Provide up to 5 products closely related to the proposal project and up to 5 other products that highlight the S/K person's Significant Contributions to Science. Acceptable products: publications, conference papers, and presentations; website(s) or other Internet site(s); technologies or techniques; inventions, patents, patent applications, and/or licenses; and other products, such as data, databases, or datasets, physical collections, audio or video products, software, models, educational aids or curricula, instruments or equipment, research material, interventions (e.g., clinical or educational), or new business creation.

NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement

A. Personal Statement

Briefly describe why you are well-suited for the role in the project. Can include active projects and projects completed within the last 3 years to highlight experience. Limited to 3,500 characters.

B. Honors

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

C. Contributions to Science

Describe up to 5 of the S/K personnel's contributions to science. May reference up to 5 products listed in the Other Significant Products section that are relevant to the contributions. There is no specific format for referencing the product, but it is encouraged to list the title, author's last name, publication, and/or year of publication. Do not include citations. Each contribution is limited to 5,000 characters.

Certification

S/K personnel signs certification to the accuracy of the biosketch and that they are not a party to a malign foreign talent agency.

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Proposals and Active Projects

Provide the following information for all pending and awarded projects:

Project Title	Status of Support: Current or Pending	Proposal/Active Award Number
Source of Support	Primary Place of Performance	Total Amount (include indirects)
Start Date	End Date	Person Months per Year
Overall Objectives	Statement of Potential Overlap	

In Kind Contributions

Provide the following information for in-kind contributions with an estimated value of $5,000 or more:

Summary of in-kind contribution	Status of Support: Current or Pending	Dollar Value of In-Kind Contribution
Source of Support	Date of Contribution	Person Months per Year
Overall Objectives	Statement of Potential Overlap	

Certification

S/K personnel signs certification to the accuracy of the other support and that they are not a party to a malign foreign talent agency.

Resources

NIH Common Forms Website	https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies/common-forms-for-biosketch
ScienCV	SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae
NIH F&Qs	https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/common-forms-biographical-sketch-current-pending-support.htm
NIH Notice re Common Forms Implementation	https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-018.html
XML File Upload for Other Support	https://support.nlm.nih.gov/kbArticle/?pn=KA-05499
Instructions for Biographical Sketch Common Form	https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/biographical-sketch-common-form
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