Changes to NIH Applications

Faculty Organization
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NIH Applications

• Application changes made to coordinate with new review criteria
• All new or resubmission applications must use the new format as of 

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New Review Criteria

- **Significance**
  - Does the project address an important problem or clinical barrier?

- **Investigator(s)**
  - Are the investigators well-suited? Established record?

- **Innovation**
  - Does it challenge/shift current paradigms?

- **Approach**
  - Is the plan well-reasoned and appropriate?

- **Environment**
  - Will the environment contribute to success?
Research Plan Page Limits

- R01 grants – 12 pages
- K (career dev) – 12 pages
- R03, R21 - 6 pages

- One additional page allowed for Specific Aims
- Introductions for resubmissions/revisions limited to 1 page
Research “Strategy”

• Old: Research Plan
  – Background and Significance
  – Preliminary Studies/Progress Report
  – Research Design and Methods

• New: Research Strategy
  – Significance
  – Innovation
  – Approach
    • Experimental Design
    • Preliminary Studies (new applications)
    • Progress Report (renewals/revisions)
Other Changes

• Facilities and Other Resources - requires description of how scientific environment contributes to probability of success of the project, unique features of the environment, etc.

• Experimental details should be cited using bibliography/references cited, NOT in Research Strategy. (Do not describe methods in body of grant)
Biographical Sketch

• New Section A - Personal Statement: Briefly describe why your expertise/qualifications make you well-suited for role on THIS project

• Peer-reviewed publication list limited to 15, chosen on basis of recency, importance to the field, and relevance to proposed research