
UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE NIH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND OTHER SUPPORT FORMAT PAGE

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NIH OTHER SUPPORT - REMINDERS

Other Support includes all resources made available to a researcher in support of and/or related to **all of their research endeavors**, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value and regardless of whether they are based at the institution the researcher identifies for the current grant.

- Resources and/or financial support from all foreign and domestic entities, that are available to the researcher including financial support for laboratory personnel, and provision of high-value materials that are not freely available (e.g., biologics, chemical, model systems, technology, etc.).
- **Consulting agreements, when the PD/PI or other senior/key personnel will be conducting research as part of the consulting activities.**
- In-kind contributions, e.g. office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, or employees or students supported by an outside source.

NIH CHANGES - PURPOSE

In an effort to support strong collaboration between Federal research agencies, NIH has made every effort to align the Biographical Sketch (Biosketch), Other Support format page and Application Form Instructions with the guidance issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy Joint Committee on the Research Environment.

NIH has updated its application forms and instructions to support the need for applicants and recipients to provide full transparency and disclosure of all research activities, foreign and domestic.

The updated forms and instructions will be required for use for applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2022.

NIH CHANGES – KEY POINTS

Format Page	Changes
Biographical Sketch Format Page	<p>Section B 'Positions and Honors' has been renamed 'Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors'.</p> <p>For the non-Fellowship Biosketch, Section D. has been removed.</p> <p>For the Fellowship Biosketch, Section D has been updated to remove 'Research Support.'</p> <p>As applicable, all applicants may include details on ongoing and completed research projects from the past three years that they want to draw attention to within the personal statement, Section A.</p>
Other Support Format Page	<p>The format page has been re-organized to separate funded projects from in-kind contributions.</p> <p>Signature block added, for Program Director/Principal Investigator or Other Senior/Key Personnel to certify the accuracy of the information submitted. Each PD/PI or senior/key personnel must electronically sign their respective Other Support form as a PDF prior to submission.</p>

NIH CHANGES – MORE DETAILS ON OTHER SUPPORT

Supporting documentation, which includes copies of contracts, grants or 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. If the contracts, grants or other agreements are not in English, **recipients must provide translated copies.**

Although not in the Notice, a change in the Other Support instructions requires disclosure of support completed within the past three years.

NIH CHANGES – MORE DETAILS ON OTHER SUPPORT (CONT.)

Immediate notification of undisclosed Other Support. When a recipient organization discovers that a PI or other Senior/Key personnel on an active NIH grant failed to disclose Other Support information outside of Just-in-Time or the RPPR, as applicable, the recipient must submit updated Other Support to the Grants Management Specialist named in the Notice of Award as soon as it becomes known.

Full notice can be found here:

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-073.html>

QUESTIONS

