

NIH BIOSKETCH

*New information noted with red asterisk.

What is a Biosketch?

A Biographical Sketch (Biosketch) is used to highlight each individual's qualifications for a specific role in a proposed project. NIH requires a biosketch for senior/key persons applying for or renewing NIH grants.

NIH & NSF Announcements

*NIH has made several announcements regarding implementing and utilization of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch via SciENCv for applications, and for RPPR submissions. The changes of the new biosketch format are summarized below.

- ***Release Date:** 04/21/2026 | [NOT-OD-26-079](#)
Announcement of Upcoming System Enforcement of Common Forms and End of NIHs Leniency Period.
 - On May 8, 2026, system warnings will change to errors that will stop any submission not using compliant Common Forms.
- ***Release Date:** 02/04/2026 | [NOT-OD-26-033](#)
Adjusted Timeline for NIHs Implementation of Common Forms
- ***Release Date:** 12/02/2025 | [NOT-OD-26-018](#) NIHs Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026
- ***Release Date:** 12/02/2025 | [NOT-OD-26-017](#)
Research Security Training Requirements for NIH.
- ***Release Date:** 09/04/2025 | [NOT-OD-25-152](#)
Preview of NIH Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support Coming Soon to SciENCv

NIH requires applicants and recipients to use the updated Biosketch. Failure to follow the appropriate formats may cause NIH to withdraw applications from or delay consideration of funding.

eRA Commons system validate:

- Whether a biosketch is attached for each and every Sr/Key person listed in the application

- That each biosketch has a valid ORCID ID linked to the associated eRA Commons Personal Profile.
- That your biosketch is a digitally certified PDF.
- The biosketch is not flattened
- All other aspects of biosketch compliance are manually checked post-submission.
- [*NIH Biosketch Format Pages, Instructions and Samples](#)
- [*NIH Biosketch FAQs](#)
- [*FAQs on the Common Forms for Biosketch and Other Support](#)

*National Science Foundation (NSF):

NSF requires a biographical sketch for each individual identified as senior/key personnel. See [PAPPG Chapter II.D.2.h\(i\)](#) for complete coverage on the content and formatting requirements for the biographical sketch.

NSF has partnered with the National Institutes of Health to use [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) as the NSF-approved format for use in preparation of the biographical sketch section of an NSF proposal.

- [NSF FAQ: Using SciENCv](#)

*What are Common Forms

NIH / NSF have transitioned to Common Forms in 2026 to provide greater standardization across federal agencies and clarity of disclosure requirements.

The Common Forms represent a collaborative effort between federal research agencies to ensure standard disclosure requirements as outlined in the [National Security Presidential Memorandum - 33](#).

Sponsor Agencies: NIH, NSF, DoD are adopting the Biographical Sketch Common Form and the Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form as per the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memorandum on Policy Regarding Use of Common Disclosure Forms for applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs).

- [Memorandum on Policy Regarding Use of Common Disclosure Forms for the "Biographical Sketch" and](#)

[the “Current and Pending \(Other\) Support” Sections of Applications by Federal Research Funding Agencies | OSTP | The White House](#)

- [OSTP-Common-Disclosure-Form-Policy.pdf](#)
- [Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#)

*What is SciENcv

SciENcv, short for **Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae**, is an electronic system provided by the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

SciENcv serves as a platform to assist researchers in organizing and presenting professional information for participation in federally funded research projects.

- [Federal Demonstration Partnership | January 2024: SciENcv Commons Form](#)
- [Using SciENcv FAQs](#)
- [Detailed SciENcv Guide](#)
- [NCBI Tutorial: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#)
- [NCBI Tutorial: SciENcv: Integrating with ORCID](#)
- [My NCBI Help](#)
- [SciENcv website](#)

*Research Security Training

Research security training is a federally mandated program designed to educate researchers on risks to the research ecosystem and provide tools to safeguard research integrity and compliance.

Federal agencies now require **certification of research security compliance** when submitting biosketches and related support disclosures.

These forms must be generated in **SciENcv** (Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae) and **electronically signed**.

CTSI Announcements:

- [Research Security | Research Administration / CTSI](#)
- [Research Security Course Now Available Within Workday | Research Administration / CTSI](#)
- [Mandatory Annual Research Security Training for Faculty | Research Administration / CTSI](#)
- [Research Administration Network Update: Research Security Training | Research Administration / CTSI](#)

Additional Resources (Web links)

CTSI Web Collection:

- [How To Prepare for Changes to NIH Biosketch - 2026](#)

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Research Administrators Bi-monthly Meetings (Recordings & Slides) [Research Administrators Meetings](#)

- [March 12, 2026](#)
 - Compliance & Integrity
 - Research Security Overview
 - Research Security Training Certificate
- [January 8, 2026](#)
 - Coy C. Carpenter Library | NIH Commons Forms & SciENcv update
- [November 13, 2025](#)
 - Research Security Training
- [January 9, 2025](#)
 - Scientific Editing Team & The Coy C. Carpenter Library – How to Prepare for the Upcoming Changes to the NIH Biosketch

WFUSoM – The Coy C. Carpenter Library

- [SciENcv - NIH Public Access Compliance - Knowledge Guides at Wake Forest School of Medicine](#)
- Reminder: if there are questions regarding NIH Public Access and SciENcv, you may reach out to Dianne Johnson, Sr. Professional Librarian at dianne.johnson@advocatehealth.org.

#OSP Minute | Tip Sheets

- [NIH Role Tool](#)
- [Tip Sheet: ORCID ID Error Messages and How to Fix Them](#)