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CURRENT Topics

- NIH announces implementation of new Biosketch and Other Support format
 - Effective for applications and RPPRs submitted on/after May 25, 2021
 - NOT-OD-21-073 <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-073.html>

Format Page	Changes
Biographical Sketch Format Page	Section B 'Positions and Honors' has been renamed 'Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors'.
	For the non-Fellowship Biosketch, Section D. has been removed. For the Fellowship Biosketch, Section D has been updated to remove 'Research Support.' 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.
Other Support Format Page	The format page has been re-organized to separate funded projects from in-kind contributions.
	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.

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- Supporting Documentation: For Other Support submissions that include foreign activities and resources, recipients are required to submit copies of contracts, grants or any other agreement specific to senior/key personnel foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution as supporting documentation. If they are not in English, recipients must provide translated copies.
- 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. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Resources and/or financial support from all foreign and domestic entities, that are available to the researcher. This includes but is not limited to, financial support for laboratory personnel, and provision of high-value materials that are not freely available (e.g., biologics, chemical, model systems, technology, etc.). Institutional resources, such as core facilities or shared equipment that are made broadly available, should not be included in Other Support, but rather listed under Facilities and Other Resources.
 - Consulting agreements, when the PD/PI or other senior/key personnel will be conducting research as part of the consulting activities. Non-research consulting activities are not Other Support.
 - In-kind contributions, e.g. office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, or employees or students supported by an outside source. If the time commitment or dollar value of the in-kind contribution is not readily ascertainable, the recipient must provide reasonable estimates.

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- Other Support does not include training awards, prizes, or gifts. Gifts are resources provided where there is no expectation of anything (e.g. time, services, specific research activities, money, etc.) in return. An item or service given with the expectation of an associated time commitment is not a gift and is instead an in-kind contribution and must be reported as Other Support.
- The updated format pages and instructions for Other Support can be found [here](#). NIH is finalizing the SciENCv template for Other Support and anticipates that the template will be available beginning in FY 2022. Until the SciENCv template is available, applicants and recipients are required to use the Word Format page to prepare Other Support information. The form must be converted to a PDF, and electronically signed prior to submission. This is an interim process, while NIH moves to the use of SciENCv templates for Other Support.
- The updated format pages and instructions for the Biosketch can be found [here](#). The updated SciENCv Biosketch template will be available in March 2021. Investigators with an existing Biosketch in SciENCv will be able to transfer their current Biosketch information to the new format.

REMINDERS, Notices, & Updates

- New DHHS rate agreement dated 01/29/2021
 - <https://med.virginia.edu/grants-and-contracts/grants/institutional-information/budgetary-information/>
 - Updated fringe rates:
 - Faculty – 27.7%
 - Staff – 37.4%
 - Wage – 6.5%
 - No change to F&A rates
- New checklists and guides available on the SOMOGC website: <https://med.virginia.edu/grants-and-contracts/forms/#training>
 - ePRF
 - eNFA
 - NIH – Standard
 - NIH – Transfer
 - RPPR
 - JIT
 - SF424 Cover Page (sample)