

The NIH Review Process: An Insiders Perspective



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Reviews Since the New Format

- Chartered on Community-Level Health Promotion (R01, R03, R21, R15, etc.)
- U54 Review NIEHS/NCI
- NHLBI
- Nursing and Clinical Sciences (R01, R03, R15, R21, etc.)
- P60 NIMHD
- LRP

Most Important Things To Do

Write clearly

- Make the application logical and easy to read
- Do not assume that the reviewer is a specialist in your specific area
- Build arguments within the space you have/integrate
- Always label figures and charts clearly

Most Important Things To Do

Place information judiciously/carefully

- Pay attention to biographical sketches
- Roles of investigators can be in Biosketches and Budget Justification (rather than text)
- Letters of support from administrators may help
- Tailor Project/Performance Site section to your project

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- No matter how tempting, do not put information about the Research Strategy in the appendix or HS section
- Select and weave in preliminary studies to establish your ability to conduct the science proposed

Most Important Things To Do

Pay attention to Significance

- Be pithy
- Say what will be advanced if your project is successful (and how)

Pay attention to Innovation

- Be pithy
- Clearly state how your application is unique