

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Division of Research

Subj.: Comments on Proposed Changes to Biographical Sketch used for NIH Grant Applications

Date: June 7, 2012

The NIH is requesting input from the research community to determine if the Biosketch used for grant applications should be modified to allow investigators to include a short explanation of their most important scientific contributions. They are trying to determine whether a short, documented description of an investigator's scientific contributions could offer a better indication of an individual's scientific capabilities and accomplishments than the list of publications that currently appears in the Biosketch.

The NIH is seeking comments through June 29th, 2012 on the proposed changes and notes that opinions about the potential to facilitate the evaluation of an investigator's contributions and capabilities are particularly important. Information on the content and format of the proposed narrative description and other relevant issues also will be useful. Any other creative, concrete suggestions for strengthening the Biosketch are also welcome.

In order to provide feedback to the NIH about these proposed changes by the June 29th deadline please visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=27>.

Additional information regarding this request for information on proposed modifications to the NIH Biographical Sketch, is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-115.html>.

If you have any questions about this notice from the NIH then please contact your Division of Research Pre-Award representative (<http://research.fiu.edu/staff/staffListing.html>) at 305-348-2494 for further assistance.