Want to Improve Your Chances of Writing a Successful Proposal?

How can You Get a Feel for what Reviewers are Looking For?

**Become a Peer Reviewer!**

This is not a comprehensive list. If you would like to offer to serve as a reviewer for another agency/sponsor, you may contact the sponsor's program staff directly or the Office of Sponsored Programs at sponsoredprograms@jjay.cuny.edu.

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**

http://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process#panel

Ever wanted to know what happens to your application once you submit it to NEH? The flowchart available here [http://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process#panel](http://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process#panel) breaks down the steps in the journey that your application takes. NEH is always looking for scholars and experts in their field to serve as peer reviewers. If you're interested in serving on an application review panel, please add your name to the PRISM database at [https://securegrants.neh.gov/prism/](https://securegrants.neh.gov/prism/).

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**National Institute of Justice Peer Review Panels**

[http://www.nij.gov/nij/funding/reviews/welcome.htm](http://www.nij.gov/nij/funding/reviews/welcome.htm)

Adhoc Peer Review Panels:

The National Institute of Justice needs reviewers from diverse backgrounds and regions who have relevant expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Crime control and prevention research.
- Criminology, law enforcement or corrections.
- DNA analysis, research and development.
- Information and sensor technologies.
- Investigative and forensic science and technology.
- Justice systems research.
- Law enforcement technologies.
- Violence and victimization research.

Some reviews are conducted remotely, whereas others involve in-person meetings. Reviewers score 10 to 15 applications within a two-to-four-week period. Participants receive $125 for each application reviewed.

**Standing Scientific Review Panels**

Information about how to become a peer reviewer on a Standing Scientific Review Panel (SSRP) is forthcoming. The SSRPs are "standing panels" to which reviewers are appointed to serve for three years. Each SSRP is designed to have 12 scientific reviewers and six practitioner reviewers who meet in person each year to review research proposals. Individual SSRPs support the social and behavioral, physical, and forensic science programs of NIJ.

If you wish to be considered for peer review panels, including future NIJ standing peer review panels, please register on NIJ's Consultant Information System ([https://www.nijcis.org/NewApps/consultant.cfm](https://www.nijcis.org/NewApps/consultant.cfm)).

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**National Institutes of Health**


The NIH peer review system is the foundation of the NIH extramural research enterprise, and its continued excellence depends on our ability to recruit and retain the most accomplished, broad-thinking and creative scientists and experts to serve as peer reviewers. Such qualified individuals are needed to serve on Scientific Review Groups (or "study sections") in the initial peer review of applications for funding and R&D contract proposals.

Principal Investigators (PIs) who receive research grant support from the NIH are an enriched source of such highly-qualified individuals. Therefore, the NIH calls upon investigators who have received research grant funding from the NIH to serve on NIH study sections and advisory groups when invited to do so. However, this expectation for service is entirely voluntary and an inability to serve has no impact on an investigator's ability to compete for grant support.

Individuals who possess expertise in areas supported by the NIH and who wish to volunteer to serve in the NIH peer review process should send an email to the Enhancing Peer Review mailbox (ReviewerVolunteer@mail.nih.gov) with a brief description of their areas of expertise in the body of the email (1-2 sentences) and a copy of their biosketch as an attachment.
National Science Foundation

To become an NSF reviewer, send an e-mail to the NSF program officer(s) of the program(s) that fits your expertise. Introduce yourself and identify your areas of expertise, and let them know that you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer. It is most helpful if you also attach a 2-page CV with current contact information. We also encourage you to share this request with other colleagues who might be interested in serving as NSF reviewers. NSF welcomes qualified reviewers from the academic, industrial, and government sectors.

If you need to find the appropriate NSF Program Officer to contact, just go to the NSF Website: www.nsf.gov. Select the Quick Links tab at the top of the home page. This will take you to the selected home page. The "Contact US" column provides contact information for Program Officers and the programs they manage. You can then send the Program Officer an email with the information indicated above in the paragraph on "How to Become a Reviewer."

U.S. Department of Education
http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/grantmaking.pdf
(see “How are application reviewers chosen...page 23)

The Department recruits reviewers who have expertise in areas pertinent to a grant program. Individuals interested in becoming a reviewer complete an application or submit a resume or a curriculum vita that provides information the program staff uses to determine whether they have the necessary qualifications. The program staff maintains a reviewer registry and contacts individuals when they are needed for an upcoming competition.

The reviewer training, grant review procedures, time commitment, and compensation vary from grant program to grant program. Some programs require travel to Washington, D.C. (at the Department’s expense), while other programs use e-Reader or teleconferences so that grant application reviews can be done from the reviewer’s home or office.

Individuals interested in becoming application reviewers can contact the program office that administers the grant programs in their area of interest or visit the program office’s Web site on www.ed.gov. Contact information for Department staff for each grant program can be found in the Guide to U.S. Department of Education Programs, available at http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gtep/gtep.pdf.