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Mentored Mock Review

Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences &
Early Investigator Advancement Program

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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Welcome Letter

July 20, 2023

Dear Attendees:

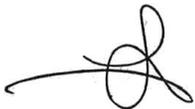
On behalf of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD), I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Mentored Mock Review (MMR). This year, CRCHD has organized the annual MMR for both our Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE) and Early Investigator Advancement Program (EIAP) Scholars.

CRCHD is committed to supporting Early-Stage Investigators (ESIs), especially those from underrepresented groups, in their journey toward research independence. Support for ESIs ultimately strengthens the cancer research enterprise by ensuring a continuous flow of talent through the research career pathway. The MMR plays an important part in those efforts. The aim of the MMR workshop is to help provide CURE and EIAP Scholars with a better understanding of how review committees evaluate R01 applications. The session and panel discussion will provide you with an invaluable perspective on the peer review process, including application review and score assignment, questions that are commonly raised in review, examples of mistakes to avoid in your application, and what constitutes a successful R01 grant. Ultimately, you can draw upon lessons learned during the MMR when you prepare your own R01 applications, thereby enhancing your competitiveness and improving your chances of obtaining research grants and achieving research independence.

The skills and knowledge that each MMR participant brings are crucial to the success of the exercise, and we look forward to your active participation. I am confident that, together, we will make this a rewarding workshop. You—our CURE and EIAP Scholars—form a talented network of tomorrow's leaders in the cancer and cancer health disparities research workforce, and I wish each of you success in your career and your journey toward research independence.

Once again, I thank you for your participation in and contributions to this important workshop. I wish all of you an enjoyable workshop with many lively and energizing interactions with your fellow reviewers, scientific review officer, and program staff.

Sincerely,



Sanya A. Springfield, Ph.D.
Director
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Agenda

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CURE MOCK REVIEW SESSION – PART I

- 10:00–10:10 AM** **Welcome/Introductions**
Dr. Behrouz Davani and Dr. Shahrooz Vahedi
NCI CRCHD
- 10:10–10:30 AM** **Panel Orientation**
Dr. Shahana Majid
NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR)
- 10:30–11:45 AM** **CURE Mock Review Exercise**
Dr. Shahana Majid
NIH CSR
- 10:30–10:55 AM** Review of Application #1
- 10:55–11:20 AM** Review of Application #2
- 11:20–11:45 AM** Review of Application #3
- 11:45 AM–12:15 PM** **Session Summary**
Dr. Anthony DiBello and Dr. Shahrooz Vahedi
NCI CRCHD
- 12:15–1:15 PM** **Break**

EIAP MOCK REVIEW SESSION – PART II

- 1:15–1:25 PM** **Welcome/Introductions**
Dr. Behrouz Davani and Dr. Sangeeta Ghosh
NCI CRCHD
- 1:25–1:45 PM** **Panel Orientation**
Dr. Shahana Majid
NIH CSR

Agenda

1:45–3:00 PM

EIAP Mock Review Exercise

Dr. Shahana Majid
NIH CSR

1:45–2:10 PM Review of Application #1

2:10–2:35 PM Review of Application #2

2:35–3:00 PM Review of Application #3

3:00–3:30 PM

Session Summary

Moderators: Dr. Sangeeta Ghosh and Mr. Daniel Eckstein
NCI CRCHD

3:30–3:45 PM

Break

MOCK REVIEW PANEL DISCUSSION – PART III

3:45–5:00 PM

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Dr. Anthony DiBello
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Dr. Behrouz Davani
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5:00–5:10 PM

Closing Remarks

Dr. Tiffany Wallace
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5:10–5:20 PM

Evaluation

5:20 PM

Adjournment of Mock Review Session

**Continuing Umbrella of
Research Experiences
Roster**

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**Early Investigator
Advancement Program
Roster**

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- [Website](#)
- [Contact Information and Staff Bios](#)
- Twitter: [@NCICRCHD](#)
- LinkedIn: [NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities \(CRCHD\)](#)

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 - **[Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Research in Cancer Health Disparities \(R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)**
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- **Diversity Training**

- **Mentored Career Development Awards:**

- **NCI Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity ([K01 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)) and ([K01 Clinical Trial Required](#))**

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- **Non-Mentored Career Development Award:**

- **NCI Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award to Promote Diversity ([K22 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)) and ([K22 Clinical Trial Required](#))**

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- **[Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Parent F31-Diversity\)](#)**

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- **Administrative Supplement for Strengthening Research, Training, and Outreach Capacity of the Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP)**

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CRCHD Resources

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NIH Grant Application Resources

- NIH Grants and Funding Information: grants.nih.gov/
 - [Find funding](#)
 - [How to apply](#)
 - Explore NIH-funded research ([RePORT](#))
- Center for Scientific Review: public.csr.nih.gov/
- Early Stage Investigator Policies: grants.nih.gov/policy/early-stage/index.htm

NIH/NCI Training Resources

NCI Resources for Researchers: cancer.gov/research/resources

Extramural

- NIH Extramural Diversity: extramural-diversity.nih.gov
- Center for Cancer Training: cancer.gov/grants-training/training/about
- Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE): cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/crchd/diversity-training/cure

Intramural

- Office of Intramural Training and Education: training.nih.gov/
- NIH Intramural Research Program: irp.nih.gov/
- NCI Center for Cancer Research: ccr.cancer.gov
- NCI Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics: dceg.cancer.gov
- Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program: cpfp.cancer.gov
- Intramural Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (iCURE): cancer.gov/about-nci/organization/crchd/diversity-training/icure
- Lasker Clinical Research Scholars: nih.gov/research-training/lasker-clinical-research-scholars
- Stadtman Tenure Track Investigators: irp.nih.gov/careers/trans-nih-scientific-recruitments/stadtman-tenure-track-investigators

See our [fact sheets](#) for additional information about CRCHD programs, initiatives, and funding opportunities.

NIH Grants Process

At-A-Glance



National Institutes of Health Grants Process At-A-Glance



Planning, Writing, and Submitting



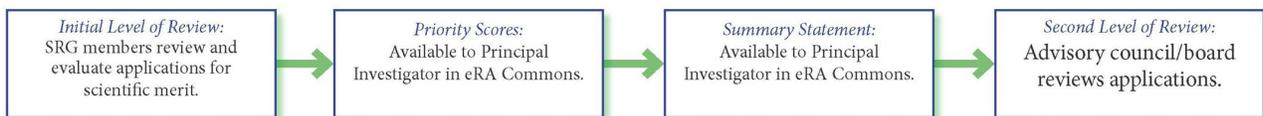
Receipt and Referral

1 – 3 Months



Peer Review

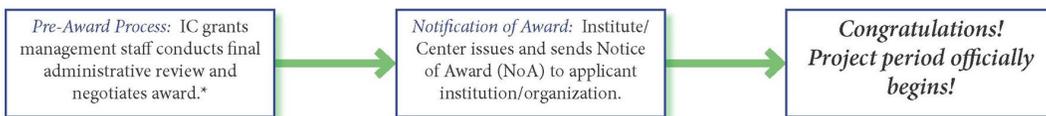
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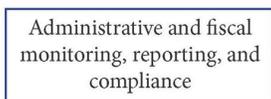
Award

9 – 10 Months

*NIH Requests additional information needed *Just-In-Time* for award.



Post-Award Management



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