



Memorandum

To: All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the ERA listserv
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Vice President for Research
Subject: NIH Biographical Sketch and Other Support Guidance
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Dear Colleagues,

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced format changes and instructions for the Biographical Sketch (Biosketch) and Other Support forms. Starting May 25, 2021 NIH is encouraging use of the updated formats in applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) Reports, and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs), as applicable.

On January 25, 2022, use of the updated formats will be required. Failure to follow the appropriate formats by this date may result in withdrawn applications or delayed consideration of funding. The SciENCv template for Other Support will be available in early FY 2022 but does not change the required date of January 25, 2022.

While the required use of the updated formats has been delayed, the policy requirements remain the same. Other support must include all resources made available to a researcher in support of and/or related to all research endeavors, regardless of whether they have monetary value and regardless of whether the resources are based at Temple. Notification of previously undisclosed Other Support must be done immediately to your OVPR pre-award specialist.

Changes to Biosketch and Other Support

NIH has provided detailed instructions and FAQs for the updated [Biosketch](#) and [Other Support](#) forms. Highlights of major changes are listed below, but please refer to the NIH instructions and FAQs for a full list of changes.

- Other Support format separates funded projects from in-kind contributions.
- Each PD/PI or senior/key personnel must electronically sign their respective Other Support form.
- If foreign activities and resources are included as Other Support, copies of contracts, grants or any other agreement specific to foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution must be submitted. If the documents are not in English, translated copies must also be provided.
- Person months for the competitive segment are reported instead of the current

year, and the total awarded amount (including indirect costs) for the competitive segment is reported instead of annual direct costs.

OVPR Webinar Tuesday, May 18th from 11am – 12:30pm

OVPR will host a webinar on Tuesday, May 18th from 11am – 12:30pm to review the NIH Biosketch and Other Support requirements and answer any questions. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please email allison.shah@temple.edu.

Please use the link below to join the webinar:

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/98843052232>

NIH Guidance and Relevant Links

- [NOT-OD-21-073](#): NIH notice, *Upcoming Changes to the Biographical Sketch and Other Support Format Page for Due Dates on or after May 25, 2021*
- [NOT-OD-21-110](#): NIH notice extending the timeline to January 25, 2022, *Implementation of Changes to the Biographical Sketch and Other Support Format Page*
- [NOT-OD-19-114](#): NIH notice, *Reminders of NIH Policies on Other Support and on Policies related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components*
- [Biosketch](#): Complete instructions for the new Biosketch format page
- [Biosketch FAQs](#)
- [Other Support](#): Complete instructions for the new Other Support format page
- [Other Support and Foreign Component FAQs](#)

If you have any questions please contact the Office of the Vice President for Research at ovpr@temple.edu / (215) 204 6875