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## **CSR Launches New Reviewer Orientation Web Site**

How can we help new reviewers get up to speed quickly to provide expert reviews of NIH grant applications? The NIH Center for Scientific Review answered this question by developing a new [Reviewer Orientation Web Site](#).

"New reviewers now have a one-stop Web site, where they can get the key info they need for each step they take in review process," said CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa. "Experienced reviewers will find the site a ready reference for finding just the information they need, particularly in areas where practices have changed."

"Having reviewers use this training site will have another big benefit," said Dr. Scarpa. "We will be able to reduce the time spent orientating new reviewers in pre-meeting teleconferences and during review meetings. We can thus take just the time we need to cover critical updates and move on."

The new Reviewer Orientation Site lists the essential tasks reviewers need to perform in the three stages of review: pre-meeting, meeting and post-meeting stages. The core elements of each task are summarized in plain-language bullets, which have links to additional information if needed. To improve the Reviewer Orientation Web site, users are encouraged to submit feedback to CSR.

The Web site also will standardize the training of reviewers so everyone will share the same understanding of the process. However, new reviewers can still depend on our scientific review officers and study section chairs to answer questions and address concerns.

Learn more by visiting the CSR's new Reviewer Orientation Site at <http://www.csr.nih.gov/reviewerorientation>.

### **About CSR**

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

### **About NIH**

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