

## Jumpstart Your Career by Becoming an Early Career Reviewer



The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health recruits up-and-coming researchers into our Early Career Reviewer Program to help us meet the needs for reviewing NIH grant applications now and in the future.

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of the 80,000 grant applications researchers submit to NIH each year. We recruit over 16,000 experienced and respected researchers annually. Their scientific assessments help NIH identify and fund the most promising biomedical and behavioral research. Early Career Reviewers play a key role and gain useful insights into the NIH peer review process.

### What's the Purpose of the Early Career Reviewer Program?

- To train and educate qualified scientists without significant prior review experience so that they may become effective reviewers
- To help emerging researchers advance their careers by exposing them to review experience
- To enrich the existing pool of NIH reviewers by including scientists from a wide range of research institutions

### What Are the Benefits?

- You have an opportunity to serve the scientific community by participating in NIH peer review
- You develop critique-writing skills
- You learn what drives the review discussions and how impact is evaluated
- You can use your insights into the review process to improve your own grant applications

**“It was an amazing experience . . . It has both opened my eyes to the reviewers’ perspective and given me extreme faith in the peer review system.”**





## What Does an Early Career Reviewer Do?

- Writes a full critique of each assigned application
- Participates in one study section meeting

## What Are the Requirements for Being an Early Career Reviewer?

- You must not have reviewed for CSR beyond one mail review
- You should have two or more years in a faculty position or equivalent
- You have an active research program and publications in high-impact journals
- You cannot have an R01 grant or equivalent funding

## Get More Information

- Visit the Early Career Reviewer Web page  
<http://www.csr.nih.gov/ecr>
- Visit CSR's Web site  
<http://www.csr.nih.gov>
- Visit Our Reviewer Orientation Web Page for More Details on Reviewer Responsibilities  
<http://internet.csr.nih.gov/reviewerorientation>

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