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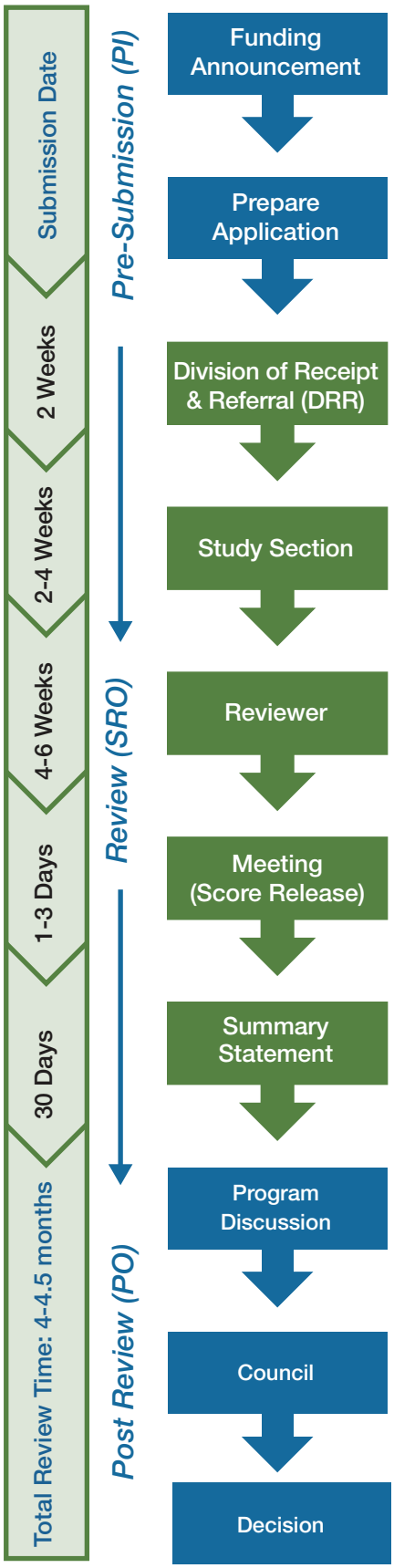

The fellowship should ultimately enhance an applicant's potential for, and commitment to, an independent, productive scientific research career in a health-related field.

Scored Review Criteria

- Applicant
- Sponsors and Collaborators
- Research Training Plan
- Training Potential
- Institutional Environment and Commitment

Additional Review Criteria (Impact Score)

- Human Subjects/Inclusion
- Vertebrate Animals
- Biohazards
- Resubmission
- Renewal (in rare cases)

Additional Review Considerations

- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Foreign Organizations
- Select Agents
- Resource Sharing Plans
- Budget & Period of Support

Who Do I Talk To?

Before Review:

- Administrative questions: Scientific Review Officer
- Funding/Relevance questions: Program Officer
- Institute support of fellowships: Check website / Ask PO
- Study section assignment questions: Contact IRG Chief

After Review: Program Officer

How to Identify Study Sections

- Fellowship Study Section Descriptions
- NIH Reporter
- Use the Assignment Request Form - for both Study Section and Institute requests

www.csr.nih.gov

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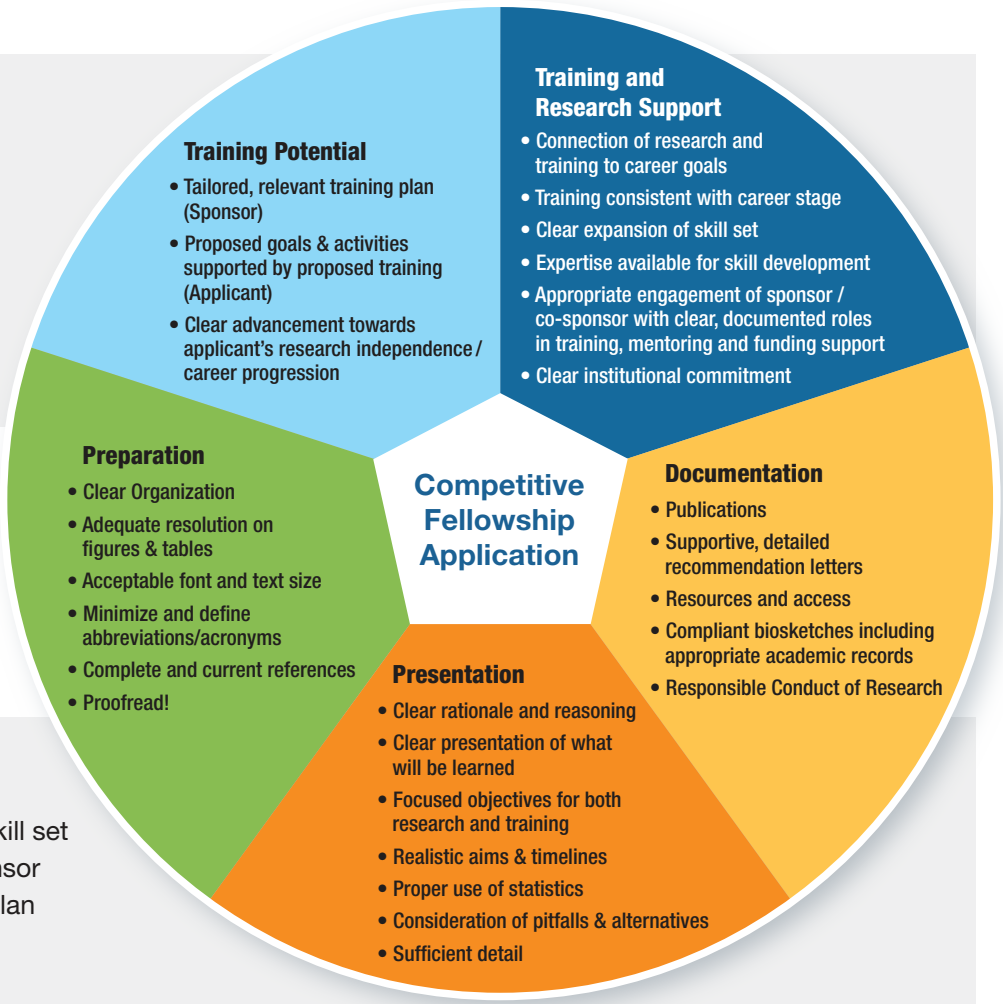
Elements of a Strong Application



Critical Elements

- Development and expansion of skill set
- Critical role of Sponsor / Co-sponsor
- Targeted, individualized training plan
- Sufficient, clear training potential

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Grant Types

F30 Dual-degree fellowship for Institutions with NIH Institutional Training (T32) grants
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F31 To promote diversity - Predoctoral Fellowship (underrepresented applicants can use the award to pursue a Dual-degree)
F31 (Parent) Predoctoral Fellowship
F32 Postdoctoral Fellowship
F33 Senior Fellowship

NIH Fellowship Resources

NIH Fellowship Funding Opportunity Announcement
https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships

NIH Review Guidelines
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/review_templates.htm

Fellowship Application Deadlines
April 8 | August 8 | December 8

AIDS & AIDS Related Fellowship Deadlines
May 7 | September 7 | January 7