

Consider Joining the NIH Center for Scientific Review as a Scientific Review Officer

CSR is the gateway for nearly all NIH grant applications, managing the review of approximately 60,000 applications each year. We regularly have openings for scientific review officers (SROs) who work in partnership with the scientific community to identify the most qualified individuals to serve in scientific review groups (or study sections), which identify the most meritorious science applications for funding by the institutes and centers. Several CSR initiatives are:

- Increasing diversity in review panels
- [Early Career Reviewer](#) engagement
- Development and implementation of bias awareness and integrity training for all review staff and reviewers
- Increasing transparency and engagement with the scientific community
- Evaluating study sections through [ENQUIRE](#), a process for determining if changes in a study section's focus or scope are needed to facilitate the identification of emerging, high-impact science.

CSR's specialization in review and the center's large, diverse workforce provide an interesting and rewarding work environment—the breadth of science covered at CSR spans all of NIH. The atmosphere is collegial and supportive. There are opportunities for professional growth and contributions beyond one's operating division, through cross-divisional collaborations, and in trans-NIH work. CSR is also committed to providing opportunities and support for employee growth and development such as through career stage-appropriate CSR or NIH leadership programs.

Why should you consider a federal position like this?

- It's a career through which you can have a **tremendous, positive impact on the scientific community**. Peer review is the foundation for NIH funding, and the system depends on highly skilled, expert SROs to identify appropriate expertise and ensure that the review is unbiased and that assessments are based on the established review criteria.
- **There is a good work-life balance**. The work can be done in 40 hours a week. You can make an impact and have time for your family and personal pursuits.
- **CSR has excellent [benefits](#)** in terms of retirement, health insurance, and leave. SROs enter as either a GS-13 or GS-14 ([2024 pay table](#)).
- The center is a [collegial place to work](#) and offers **many opportunities for career development and advancement** within the center and the greater NIH.

We welcome inquiries about working at CSR. Please contact CSR Communications Director Dr. Kristin Kramer at kramerkm@csr.nih.gov.

Additional information can be found on the [CSR Employment](#) site. Applications must be submitted through [USAJobs.gov](#).