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
- Vertebrate Animals
- Biohazards
- Resubmission

Additional Review Considerations
- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Foreign Organizations
- Select Agents
- Resource Sharing Plans
- Budget & Period of Support
- Authentication of Key Biological and Chemical Resources

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

Preparation
- Clear Organization
- Adequate resolution on figures & tables
- Acceptable font and text size
- Minimize and define abbreviations/acronyms
- Complete and current references
- Proofread!

Presentation
- Clear rationale and reasoning
- Clear presentation of what will be learned
- Focused, rigorous objectives for both research and training
- Realistic aims & timelines
- Proper use of statistics
- Consideration of pitfalls & alternatives
- Sufficient detail

Documentation
- Publications
- Supportive, detailed recommendation letters
- Resources and access
- Compliant biosketches including appropriate academic records
- Responsible Conduct of Research

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

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