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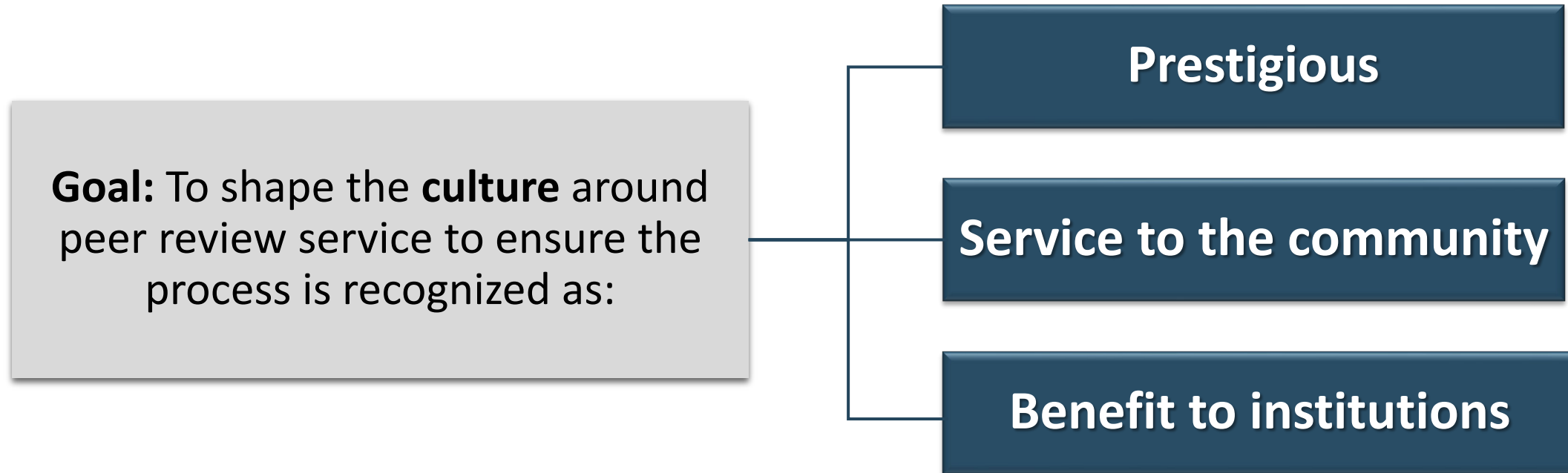
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Our Charge: Identify actions NIH can take to increase the prestige of peer review

Goal: To shape the **culture** around peer review service to ensure the process is recognized as:

Prestigious

Service to the community

Benefit to institutions

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Benefit to institutions

- Advancement of knowledge
- For the institution
- For the reviewer

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Service to the community

Benefit to institutions

- By identifying the most meritorious research, contribute to -
  - advancement of science
  - overall public health impact

- Support areas of science by providing scientific expertise

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Benefit to institutions

- Enhance reputation

- Visibility

- Researchers gain experience reviewing applications

- Fosters collaborations

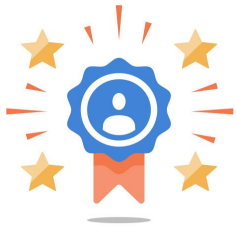NIH Center for Scientific Review

Cultural Shift Focus Areas

- Reviewer recognition
- Peer review value and culture

Reviewer recognition

Letter from NIH or CSR Director notifying institutions of service by their faculty can be an opportunity to:

- Highlight the value of peer review (for society, scientific community, institution)

- NIH recognition

- Value for individual reviewers' promotion

Peer review value and culture

Communications to the community from NIH about the value of peer review service:

- A blog from OER or CSR on the value of peer review, including data and a thank you note listing all reviewers for the year

- Publish profiles of reviewers – highlight the value of review service to them personally and professionally

  - Share with the institution's PR office

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Peer review value and culture
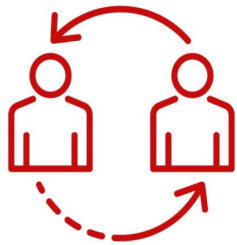
Collect data to assess links between peer review service and funding success:

- Is there a correlation between review service history and current success rate?

- ECR program: Is service correlated with subsequent success competing for an R01?

- Does review service correlate with a successful renewal?

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Peer review value and culture

Other possibilities:

- Assess reviewers' perceptions about peer review following study section

- NIH outreach at conferences/scientific events

- Encourage institutions to host seminars by current peer reviewers at their institution on the value of the process

- Integrate value of NIH peer review as a topic into academic faculty development office sponsored events

Discussion

- Do these approaches seem reasonable and robust for producing the desired impact to enhance the overall prestige and culture of peer review?

- What other things can we do to enhance our WG's mission?

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