

General Review Items

- Use correct NIH Biosketch Supplement template
 - For submissions with due dates on or after January 25, 2026: You MUST use [SciENCv](#) to create your biosketch
- Check for PMCID IDs for citations which require them (peer-reviewed journal manuscripts which are NIH-funded)
- No live hyperlinks in biosketch except to .gov websites

Personal Statement

- Clear and concise description of career background and training
- Strong description of professional expertise
- Mention role to be performed in grant and provides context on fitness
- No citations allowed for SciENCv-generated biosketches due on or after 1/25/2026

Contributions to Science

- Generally includes all four aspects requested:
 - historical background,
 - central findings,
 - influence of findings on science,
 - your role in work
- Each contribution with their citations are no longer than ½ page
- Consider number of contributions
 - Early career generally have 2-3 contributions
 - Later career generally have 3-5 contributions
 - No more than 5 contributions total
- Provides clear narrative with appropriate emphasis and level of description
- Consider a summarizing statement at the beginning of contribution.
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- Consider bibliometric or alternative metrics summary statements for contributions in which you have written manuscripts receiving strong citation or scholarly interest.
- Make sure your citation sources linked to your NCBI / SciENCv account are complete and up-to-date, so you can link citations to Section C of the SciENCv biosketch
 - **My Bibliography** does not update itself! You may need to search and add citations periodically.
 - **ORCID** also requires manual updates and attention.

Biosketch - Must be completed in SciENCv. Instructions and sample can be found at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/biographical-sketch-common-form>.

- Identifying Information
- Organization and Location
- Professional Preparation
- Appointments and Positions
- Products – up to 5 closely related, and up to 5 for others of significance.

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- Personal Statement
- Honors
- Contributions to Science – described up to 5 distinct contributions.
- You may reference up to five products listed in the Other Significant Products section of your Biographical Sketch Common Form that are relevant to the contributions described in this section.
- Do not provide citations in the NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement.
- Each Contribution to Science is limited to 2,000 characters.