



Center for
Scientific Review

Tobacco P30 Revision Applications Peer Review Process

Pre-Application Webinar for RFA-OD-12-007 (P30)
February 8, 2013

Don Schneider, PhD
Senior Advisor to the CSR Director
Center for Scientific Review

Key Dates for Application Review

- Letter of Intent Due – February 26, 2013
- **Application Due – March 26, 2013**
- **Scientific Merit Review – June 2013**
- **Advisory Council Review - August 2013**
- Earliest Start Date – December 1, 2013

Scored Review Criteria (same as listed in FOA)

- **Overall Impact**
 - Reviewers provide an overall priority score to reflect their assessment of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field(s) in consideration of the following review criteria and additional review criteria
- **Significance**
 - Does the project address an important issue or a critical barrier in regulatory authority over tobacco products? If the aims of the project are achieved, how will regulatory science research be informed or regulation affected? How will successful completion of the aims have affect on the concepts, methods, technologies, or regulation of tobacco products?
- **Investigator(s)**
 - Are the PD/PIs, collaborators, and other researchers well suited to the project? If Early Stage Investigators or New Investigators, or in the early stages of independent careers, do they have appropriate experience and training? If established, have they demonstrated an ongoing record of accomplishments that have advanced their field(s)? If the project is collaborative or multi-PD/PI, do the investigators have complementary and integrated expertise; are their leadership approach, governance and organizational structure appropriate for the project?
- **Innovation**
 - Will the project aid in advancement of developing and evaluating regulations pertaining to the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products in order to protect public health? Will the outcomes of the project provide new information addressing regulatory authority over tobacco products?

Scored Review Criteria (cont.)

- **Approach**

- Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented? Is the project directly relevant to a specific section in the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act? If the project is in the early stages of development, will the strategy establish feasibility and are risky aspects addressed?
- If the project involves clinical research, are the plans for 1) protection of human subjects from research risks, and 2) inclusion of minorities and members of both sexes/genders, as well as the inclusion of children, justified in terms of the scientific goals and research strategy proposed?

- **Environment**

- Will the scientific environment in which the work will be done contribute to the probability of success? Are the institutional support, equipment and other physical resources available to the investigators adequate for the project proposed? Will the project benefit from unique features of the scientific environment, subject populations, or collaborative arrangements

Additional Review Criteria

- **These are not given individual scores but will be considered in the review**
- **Standard aspects of NIH applications, including:**
 - **Protections for Human Subjects**
 - **Vertebrate Animals**
 - **Biohazards**

Peer Review Principles

- Conflicts will be excluded
- Most reviewers will be from outside the government (Federal employees cannot exceed 25% of the members)
- Standard NIH procedures will be used, and every applicant will receive written feed back (a “summary statement”)

Impact Scores

- For reviewers, the NIH scale is 1-9, in integers, 1 being best, highest priority
- All eligible reviewers vote: the average score is multiplied by 10, and rounded to the nearest integer, giving impact scores from 10-90, 10 being the best overall score
- Discussed applications will receive overall impact scores
- Research projects within discussed applications will also receive impact scores

Review Contact

- If you have additional questions specifically about the review process for these applications, please contact

Don Schneider, PhD: schneidd@csr.nih.gov