

Mock Study Section

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Life Cycle of a Grant





Peer Review: The Study Section

- Scientific Review Administrator (SRA)
- > Experts with expertise in a given area
- > One primary reviewer presents the grant
- One or two secondary reviewers also provide critiques
- > A reader(s) provides further details
- ➤ All of the critiques are used to assemble a summary statement



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> Review of Initial Grant Application



Grant Applications: Scoring

- Reviewers vote to determine the priority score
- Many scored grants from a study section are percentile ranked
 - 0.1% = Best
 - 50.0% = Worst
- Institutes use percentile rankings to help make funding decisions



What just happened?

- > Scored, but not fundable
- ➤ What do I do?
 - Read the summary statement
 - Talk to Institute Program Staff
 - Talk to Colleague/Mentor
 - Consider options:

Revise/resubmit

Next deadline? Or later?



What happens after the initial review?

- > Second level review at the Institute
 - Program Director
 - Grants Management
 - Council Action
 - Final administrative review
 - Funding



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> Review of revised grant application



Summary

- > Always think and write clearly
- > Strong data always helps
- > Ask questions of colleagues/NIH staff
- ➤ Grants DO get funded, why not make it yours?



Center for Scientific Review (CSR)

- ➤ General Information about Review and Referral of Grants by CSR:
 - Suzanne Fisher, Ph.D.
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Where to get more information

http://www.nih.gov/
(NIH Website)

http://www.niddk.nih.gov/
(NIDDK Website)

Questions???