

Transfer of NIDA Fellowship Review to the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) FAQs

What is the change concerning reviews of NIDA individual fellowships?

Beginning with the April 8, 2008 receipt date, all individual NIDA fellowship applications for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows will be reviewed in the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Your contacts with NIDA Program and Grants Management staff will remain the same; your review contact will be at the CSR.

Where were the NIDA fellowships reviewed previously?

The fellowships that are affected by this change (listed below) had been reviewed in the Training and Career Development NIDA-K study section. NIDA-K will continue to review grant applications for career development and institutional training in all areas of drug abuse research.

Which NIDA fellowships are affected by this change in review?

The following Program Announcements for individual applicants seeking funding by NIDA are affected by this change in review:

Predoctoral

PA Number: PA-05-151 (F30)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Predoctoral M.D./Ph.D. Fellows

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-151.html>

PA Number: PA-07-002 (F31)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Predoctoral Fellows

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-002.html>

Postdoctoral

PA Number: PA-07-107 (F32)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-107.html>

Which NIDA fellowships are *not* affected by this change in review?

The following individual fellowships are already reviewed at the CSR, so they are *not affected* by this change in review:

Predoctoral Diversity

PA Number: PA-07-106 (F31)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research
<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-106.html>

Postdoctoral International

PA Number: PAR-06-227 (F05)

International Neuroscience Fellowship
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-227.html>

What about Institutional Training Grants, are they affected?

NIDA Institutional Training (T32) Grants and Institutional Career Development (K12) Grants will still be reviewed by the NIDA-K study section. This means that trainees and scholars on these grants are not affected.

How does CSR assign my fellowship application for review?

CSR has specialized study sections for reviewing fellowship applications; these fellowship study sections are further differentiated by topical area. CSR staff will take into account the specific areas covered in your application and their emphasis, and determine the most appropriate study section to assess its scientific and technical merit.

Is there a way that I can request assignment of my fellowship application to a specific scientific review group?

Yes. You can request, but not determine, which study section will review your new or amended fellowship application. In a cover letter to your application, you may specifically request the assignment based on the science of your application and the descriptions of the scientific review committees. For assistance in selecting the most appropriate study section, please contact a NIDA Program Official. You can find contacts via the program announcements listed above, or for a complete list of NIDA contacts see <http://www.nida.nih.gov/ResearchTraining/Contacts.html>.

How do I know which CSR study sections are available?

You can see which CSR Fellowship Study Sections are available by visiting: <http://cms.csr.nih.gov/PeerReviewMeetings/Fellowship/>.

How do I know which study section will be reviewing my fellowship application once it has been assigned?

Your review assignment will be posted in the NIH eRA Commons.

What aspects of the fellowship programs will not change?

Standard receipt dates, the review criteria, the qualifications sought in review committee members, the peer review process, the process for making award decisions, and post-award grants management will remain the same.

What should I do if I have additional questions?

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