

New Biographical Sketch Information

NIH and AHRQ have announced changes to their biosketch format that will allow Investigators to highlight the importance of their research. The new biosketch format must be used for proposals due on or after May 25, 2015. There are three major changes to the biosketch format:

- The page limitation for the biosketch has been increased to 5 pages.
- Investigators can now briefly describe up to five of their most significant contributions to science in section C. The importance of each contribution can be emphasized by a list of up to four peer-reviewed publications or other non-publication research products (audio or video products; patents; data and research materials; databases; educational aids or curricula; instruments or equipment; models; protocols; and software or netware).
- A URL to a full list of published work as found in a publicly available digital database (My Bibliography, Google Scholar) may also be provided.

Tools have been developed to assist in the creation of biosketches in this new format. Every Investigator with a MyNCBI account has access to MyBibliography and SciENcv tools. SciENcv is connected to MyBibliography which allows you to directly import the citations you wish to appear on your biosketch. When using SciENcv to create your biosketch, information in your Personal Profile of the eRA Commons automatically populates the biosketch as well.

A link to the NIH announcement of the new biosketch format, instructions for using SciENcv, a link to NIH Biosketch FAQs, and a recent slide presentation can be found below. Also below are links to completed biosketches in the new format.

[NOT-OD-15-032 NIH Notice](#) : New Biographical Sketch Format Required for NIH and AHRQ Grant Applications Submitted for Due Dates on or After May 25, 2015

[SciENcv](#) – NCBI Help

[NIH Biosketch FAQs](#)

[Slide Presentation](#) – The Revised NIH Biosketch – Brenda Kavanaugh, ORPA

[SF424R-R Sample Biosketch](#) – NIH sample biosketch

[Sample Biosketches](#) – Completed samples of the new NIH Biosketch