Applying for Grants and Fellowships: Understanding the Process and How GradFund Can Help

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ABOUT GRADFUND

✧ Since our founding in 2000, we have helped Rutgers graduate students win more than $50 Million in external grants and fellowships.

✧ As a School of Graduate Studies service, our mission is to support graduate students with identifying and applying for extramural funding.

✧ We provide comprehensive and current information on funding opportunities, perform outreach to graduate programs, and work with students individually to develop their applications.

ABOUT GRADFUND

✧ We work through an innovative peer-mentoring fellowship advising model.

✧ Our Graduate Funding Mentoring Program helps graduate students integrate the process of applying for funding into their graduate careers.

✧ We offer a robust collection of ground-breaking and expertly curated online resources.
We offer a range of services to support Rutgers graduate students throughout the fellowship and grant application process, from planning to submission.

**Individual Meetings**

Peer fellowship advisors work to help students identify and apply for merit-based awards and provide feedback on their application materials.
GRADFUND INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS

Meet with Us!
We look forward to meeting with you!

Whether you are a new or returning user, if you have not yet used our new meeting platform WCONline, please click on the first time user link to set up an account so you can login into the system.

You can meet with us in person, over Skype or through the WCONline platform.

Our offices are located on the College Ave Campus in New Brunswick. Our physical address is 25 Bishop Place, New Brunswick N.J.

Our Skype user name is gradfund. If you plan to meet with us over Skype, please send us a contact request.

Meeting Procedures
After you have booked your appointment, you will receive an automated email confirmation for your appointment and then prior to your appointment an email or text reminder.

Our appointments require that you submit meeting materials in advance of your meeting. If we have not received your meeting materials 2 days before your scheduled appointment, your appointment will be cancelled. The meeting descriptions are the right details the documents that are required and when they need to be submitted.

Scroll down for a chart that details the submission schedule and for a short video on how to upload documents to the WCONline system.

If you have any questions about when your meeting materials should be submitted, please call 848-932-0546.

Meeting Options
• What Can I Apply For?
• Help with a Funder
• Application Essay Conference
• Application Review: Written Feedback Session
• Post Award Consultation

HOW TO BOOK A MEETING

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You can book your GradFund appointment by logging in here.

To get started, register for an account by clicking the link to the left. Please note that you will need to set up a login specifically for this platform. You cannot use your Rutgers credentials to log in.

To register for a workshop, please select the Workshop schedule.

If you are a graduate student, please select an appointment labeled “GD.” If you are a post doc, please select an appointment labeled “PD.”

As you schedule your appointment, please note that we offer different types of appointments, which have different requirements for document submission.

The available appointment slots are denoted by a white block. All of our appointments are booked in 1.5 hour increments (the actual meeting duration will depend on your meeting type). To book an appointment, please follow the on-screen instructions. If you would like to join the meeting wait list for a specific day, click on the clock icon in the upper left hand corner for the date.

If you would like feedback on a grant or fellowship application, consider scheduling a Written Feedback Application Review Session.
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Mentoring Programs

Pioneered by GradFund in 2006, our summer mentoring programs provide students with structure and guidance through the application development process.

Workshops & Presentations

GradFund offers targeted information and guidance through graduate program and award specific presentations and workshops.
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GradFund Knowledgebase

The GradFund Knowledgebase is an expertly curated collection of digital tools and resources including a funder database, blog, advice and forums to assist graduate students with applying for funding.

OUR AWARD SEARCH

Fellowship & Grant Database

Welcome to the GradFund Awards Search page. Please note that the current search functionality is still in beta. If you run into any issues or have any suggestions on how we can improve the database to serve your needs, please let us know.

Search term instructions

Enter a keyword term to begin your search. This can be research-related or topical. (Examples: Fullbright, predocs, international, etc.)

Use the dropdowns below the search bar to filter your results. Results will update in real-time with each selection. You may opt to filter as many fields as you like, but please be aware that selecting more filters will result in narrower results.

Search Results:
Our award resource pages allow students to access all the information they need about a particular award in a clean and simple to navigate interface.

**National Institutes of Health Resources**

The National Institutes of Health, a part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, is tasked with advancing biomedical research to improve the health of Americans. One of the ways in which they advance that goal is by investing in the training of graduate students who will go onto productive, independent biomedical research careers creating knowledge that will protect and improve human health. Read more about the NIH's mission on their website.

**Is an NIH Fellowship the Right Fit for You?**

- **What are they looking for?**
  The NIH invests in the training of promising graduate students who will go onto create "fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability."

- **What does this fellowship include?**
  The NIH's Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral National Research Service Award Fellowships provide up to five years (typically 2-3 years) of support through a stipend for living expenses as well as funds for tuition and fees.

- **Who is eligible to apply?**
  Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are currently enrolled in a research doctoral degree program.

- **When should I apply?**
  The NIH application requires a detailed explanation of your research and training plans, and should be written with the input of your advisor. Talk to your advisor about whether you are ready to work on your NIH application. There are three application cycles per year, with deadlines in April, August, and December.

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GRADFUND CONVERSATIONS: ADVICE

Welcome to GradFund Conversations

Considering Feedback from Multiple Sources: Allívers, GradFund, and More
by Christopher White | Jan 15, 2018
So…you’ve visited GradFund with those shiny new application eschews. We gave you a ton of feedback that you maybe weren’t quite expecting. You have to find a way to squeeze all of that into some arbitrary spaces left out by a family who just doesn’t want to appreciate…

Postdocs: Put Your Plans Into Writing!
by Ted Averian | Jan 5, 2018
As a graduate student, setting aside adequate time to work on fellowship and grant applications is always a challenge, but there is at least one proven avenue that can help you stay on track. You may be wondering, “What are you planning to write about?”

Now on the Site
Considering Feedback from Multiple Sources: Advisors, GradFund, and More
Postdocs: Put Your Plans Into Writing!

Our blogging platform GradFund Conversations publishes weekly advice and guidance from the GradFund Fellowship Advising Team and guest bloggers.

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Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook and subscribe to our newsletter to keep up to date on upcoming deadlines, GradFund events and programs.
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Stay in Touch!
Our newsletter will keep you informed about new funding opportunities and upcoming deadlines, as well as information about GradFund services and other resources that will help you search for and apply to funding opportunities.

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Below is an example of some of the grants and fellowships you may be eligible to apply for as a graduate student in Biomedical Science. This is not a comprehensive or definitive list of options. Rather, it is designed to give you an idea of what your options might be. To meet with a GradFund Fellowship Advisor in order to gain assistance with building your own list of possible grants and fellowships to apply to for support, send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu.

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1. Award: Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
   Funder: Ford Foundation
   Administrator: National Academies
   Deadline: The application deadline is typically in December.
   URL: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/FordFellowships/PGA_047958
   Description: The Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship provides three years of support including an annual stipend and a cost of education allowance. Awards are made to individuals at the early stages of their graduate training who bring diversity to the academy and show potential for scholarly achievement.

2. Award: Graduate Research Fellowship
   Funder: National Science Foundation
   Administrator: American Society for Engineering Education
   Deadline: The application deadline is typically in mid to late October.
   URL: http://www.nsfgrfp.org/
   Description: This program supports early-career graduate students in NSF-supported STEM fields. Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of $34,000 along with a $12,000 cost of education allowance.

3. Award: National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship
   Funder: United States Department of Defense
   Administrator: Solutions Through Innovative Technologies
   Deadline: The application deadline typically falls in December.
   URL: http://www.ndsegfellowships.org
   Description: National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowships are awarded to applicants who will pursue a doctoral degree in, or closely related to, an area of DoD interest in one of 15 Engineering and Science disciplines. Fellowships are held for three years.

4. Award: Science, Mathematics, and Research For Transformation (SMART) Defense Scholarship Program
   Funder: American Society for Engineering Education
   Administrator: American Society for Engineering Education
   Deadline: The application deadline is typically in December.
   URL: https://smartscholarshipprod.service-now.com/smart?id=smart_index

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Description: The Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program is an opportunity for students pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines to receive a full scholarship and be gainfully employed upon degree completion.

5. Award: Beez Foundation Pediatric Brain Cancer Programs
Funder: Beez Foundation
Administrator: Beez Foundation
Deadline: The application deadline is typically early January.
URL: http://www.beezfoundation.org/
Description: The Beez Foundation, which supports pediatric brain cancer research projects and related support activities for pediatric patients in cancer hospitals, awards funds for its grant program in the categories of research, education, and patient service.

6. Award: Fellowship for Graduate Student Travel
Funder: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
Administrator: Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
Deadline: The deadline tends to be in October.
URL: http://www.sicb.org/grants/researchgrant.php3
Description: This fellowship provides the students with funds for travel and other expenses to work at distant research laboratories, museums, or field sites to provide graduate students with the opportunity to learn specialized techniques or to use unique equipment or collections.

7. Award: Grants-in-Aid of Research
Funder: Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
Administrator: Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
Deadline: There are two annual deadlines: March 15 and October 1.
URL: https://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/grants-in-aid
Description: These grants of up to $1000 provide undergraduate and graduate students in the sciences and engineering with the funds to pay for travel expenses and lab equipment for their research projects. Their goal is to promote scientific excellence and achievement through hands-on learning.

8. Award: Gut Microbiome, Yogurt and Probiotics Fellowship Grant
Funder: Dannon Company
Administrator: Dannon Company
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in February.
URL: http://www.dannon.com/fellowship-application/
Description: This award supports students with and interest in the field of the gut microbiome's effect on human health and well-being, or in the nutritional and functional benefits of yogurt, fermented dairy products and probiotics on the body. The award supports tuition or research-related expenses.

9. Award: Nell I. Mondy Fellowship
Funder: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Administrator: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Deadline: Application Deadline is commonly in November
URL: http://www.gwis.org/?page=fellowship_program
Description: For the Nell I. Mondy Fellowships, awards are for research in the same areas as for the other SDE Fellowships, with preference given to applications in the areas of food science, nutrition, and toxicology. The winner of the Nell I. Mondy Fellowship must be a member of SDE/GWIS.

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10. Award: SDE Fellowships
Funder: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Administrator: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in January.
URL: http://www.gwis.org/?page=fellowship_program
Description: SDE fellowships support women holding a degree from a recognized institution of higher learning, of outstanding ability and promise in research, who are performing hypothesis-driven research at any institution in the U.S. or abroad. A maximum of $10,000 may be requested.

11. Award: Vessa Notchev Fellowships
Funder: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Administrator: Sigma Delta Epsilon/Graduate Women in Science
Deadline: The application deadline is typically mid January.
URL: http://www.gwis.org/?page=fellowship_program
Description: This award supports research in all the natural sciences, including physical, environmental, mathematical computer, life sciences, anthropology, psychology and statistics. A maximum of $10,000 can be requested.

12. Award: Chateaubriand Fellowship- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
Funder: French Embassy to the United States
Administrator: French Embassy to the United States
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in January.
URL: https://www.france-science.org/-The-Chateaubriand-Fellowship-.html
Description: This fellowship aims to initiate or reinforce collaborations, partnerships or joint projects by encouraging exchange at the doctoral level. PhD students at an American university can conduct research in a French laboratory for 4-9 months as part of a co-supervised PhD.

13. Award: Damon Runyon Fellowship
Funder: Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Research Fund
Administrator: Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Research Fund
Deadline: There are two annual deadlines: March 15 and August 15.
URL: https://www.damonrunyon.org/for-scientists/application-guidelines/fellowship
Description: The Foundation encourages all theoretical and experimental research relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies and prevention. Applicants must be sponsored by a scientist (tenured, tenure-track, or equivalent) who can mentor the fellow.

14. Award: Drug Abuse Dissertation Research (R36)
Funder: National Institutes of Health
Administrator: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: Consult the funder for deadline information.
URL: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-443.html
Description: The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces the availability of NIH Dissertation Award grants (R36) to support drug abuse doctoral dissertation research in NIDA areas of priority.

15. Award: Graduate Student Fellowship Grants
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Funder: New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
Administrator: New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in December.
URL: http://www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/
Description: NJCSCR Graduate Student Fellowship grants are intended to attract and retain talented young scientists who wish to pursue a career in spinal cord regeneration and repair research at an NJ institution. Two-year awards of $30,000/year provide a stipend, research allowance, and small travel budget.

16. Award: International Fellowships
Funder: American Association of University Women
Administrator: American Association of University Women
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in December.
URL: http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/international-fellowships/
Description: International Fellowships award for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Fellowships support graduate or postgraduate studies at accredited institutions. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and commitment to women and girls.

17. Award: NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00)
Funder: National Institutes of Health
Administrator: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: The competitions usually announced in November. The internal deadline to apply for nomination is in December and the national deadline is in February.
Description: The award will facilitate the transition into successful cancer research postdoctoral appointments, and provide opportunities for career development activities relevant to their long-term career goals of becoming independent cancer researchers.

18. Award: PEO International Peace Scholarship
Funder: PEO Sisterhood
Administrator: PEO Sisterhood
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in December.
URL: https://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-international-peace-scholarship-ips
Description: This $12,500 award provides scholarships for international women for graduate study in the US and Canada. The applicant must have a full year of coursework remaining and be enrolled and in residence for the entire school year, and is required to return to her home country upon completion of degree.

19. Award: Pre-Doctoral Cancer Research Scholar Award
Funder: New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research
Administrator: New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in October.
URL: https://www.state.nj.us/health/ces/cancer-researchers/njccr/grants.shtml
Description: Pre- and post-doctoral fellowships awarded to students/postdocs who are affiliated with NJ research institutions or universities who wish to pursue a career in cancer research.

20. Award: Predoctoral Fellowship
Funder: American Heart Association
Administrator: American Heart Association
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in July

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URL: http://professional.heart.org/professional/ResearchPrograms/ApplicationInformation/UCM_443316_Predoctoral-Fellowship.jsp

Description: The AHA predoctoral fellowship allows students to initiate careers in cardiovascular and stroke research by providing research assistance and training. This award has a $23,844 stipend, and is open to U.S. Citizens, permanent residents, and certain international students.

21. Award: Research Grants
Funder: DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service
Administrator: DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in November. Students should consult with Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso for details on the application process.
URL: https://www.daad.org/en/find-funding/graduate-opportunities/research-grants/research-grants-one-year-grants-7-10-months/
Description: These research grants are awarded to PhD candidates, master's degree holders, and post-doc researchers for research in Germany. Applicants may be from any field of study.

22. Award: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)
Funder: National Institutes of Health
Administrator: National Institutes of Health
Deadline: There are three annual deadlines: April 8, August 8, and December 8. Consult your ORSP Specialist for the internal deadline for submission.
Description: The purpose of this fellowship is to provide support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the

23. Award: American Dissertation Fellowships
Funder: American Association of University Women
Administrator: American Association of University Women
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in November.
Description: Dissertation Fellowships provide a $20,000 stipend to women who will be in their final phase of dissertation write up during the fellowship year. Applicants must be ABD, and have received approval for their research proposals. The competition is open to applicants in all fields of study.

24. Award: Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowships
Funder: Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund
Administrator: Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund
Deadline: The internal application deadline usually falls in December.
URL: http://fdnweb.org/liebmann/
Description: Graduate fellowships in any recognized field of study in the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences (including law, medicine, engineering, architecture or other formal professional training). Applicants must obtain an application form from fellowship_advisor@gradfund.rutgers.edu.

25. Award: Educational Grants for Women from Developing Countries: US/Canada Program
Funder: Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
Administrator: Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in January.
URL: http://www.mmeg.org/apply/
Description: These awards support women students from developing or middle-income countries currently studying in the United States or Canada. Candidates must have a record of service to women and children, commitment to

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returning to their home country, and be 25 years old at the time of application.

26. Award: EWNJ Graduate Merit Award
Funder: Executive Women of New Jersey
Administrator: Executive Women of New Jersey
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in April.
URL: https://www.ewnj.org/scholarship/
Description: This scholarship offers up to $5,000 for permanent NJ resident women who are non-traditional students attending graduate school in NJ. Applicants must have completed at least 12 credits, be currently carrying at least 6 credits, or be considered full time if in the dissertation phase.

27. Award: Faculty for the Future Fellowships
Funder: Schlumberger Foundation
Administrator: Schlumberger Foundation
Deadline: Application deadline is commonly in November.
URL: http://www.facultyforthefuture.net/
Description: Faculty for the Future fellowships are awarded to women from developing and emerging economies who are preparing for PhD or post-doctoral study in the physical sciences, engineering, or related disciplines. Applicants must demonstrate commitment to teaching of science.

28. Award: Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
Funder: Ford Foundation
Administrator: National Academies
Deadline: The application deadline is typically in November.
URL: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/FordFellowships/PGA_047959
Description: The Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship provides a stipend of $25,000 for doctoral candidates in their final year of dissertation writing. Awards are made to individuals who bring diversity to the academy and show potential for scholarly achievement.

29. Award: Fulbright Study/Research (Full) Grants
Funder: United States Department of State
Administrator: Institute of International Education
Deadline: The on-campus deadline is typically in early to mid September.
URL: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html
Description: The program provides support to conduct research and study in a foreign country for an academic year. Applicants must be US citizens. Students in the School of Graduate Studies and New Brunswick graduate students should contact Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso to initiate an application.

30. Award: PEO Scholar Awards
Funder: PEO Sisterhood
Administrator: PEO Sisterhood
Deadline: Applicants must be nominated by their graduate program. The call for nominations is issued in September each year.
URL: https://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-scholar-awards
Description: The goal of the award is to encourage and support women's academic achievements. Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of US and Canada, and expect to finish their degree within two years of nomination.

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31. Award: UNCF/MERCK Graduate Science Research Dissertation Fellowships

**Funder:** United Negro College Fund  
**Administrator:** United Negro College Fund  
**Deadline:** The deadline to apply is in early December.  
**URL:** http://umsi.uncf.org/sif#ScienceResearchDissertation  
**Description:** The UNCF/Merck Science Initiative is an innovative approach that creates opportunities in the biological, chemical, and engineering sciences for African American students throughout the country. Mentoring and networking opportunities.

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• Proposal gets assigned to a group based on subject matter
• Next assigned to a subgroup or subsection
• Scientific Review Officer (PhD) is tasked with organization of a “study section” or grant review panel
• He/she will assign applications to reviewers based on their expertise
Study Section Logistics

• Reviewers will have ~ 10-12 applications to read and write reviews
• Will have ~ 4-6 weeks to do so
• Will meet in person or via teleconference
• Each application has 3 reviewers: R1, R2, R3
• Applications are scored by all. Review panel does not determine fundability, only scoring
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<th>Chair</th>
<th>• Check Conflicts; Present an Application for review; Do Preliminary Impact Score Survey</th>
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| Rev.1 | • Reviewer #1 (Rev.1) Introduce and provide a concise review  
  • Please describe the science to the point, in terms of its research and training value and its impact on candidate’s professional development  
  • Focus on major score driving strengths & weaknesses. Provide reasons for the overall Impact score. |
| Reviewers 2 & 3 | • Discuss areas of concurrence or disagreement with the previous reviewer’s comments  
  • Focus on additional comments or differences of opinion; Score driving strengths & weaknesses and reasons for your Overall Impact score |
| PANEL DISCUSSION | • All members present in the meeting room participate in the discussion.  
  • Unassigned Reviewers: Are you planning to vote outside the range? Participate in the discussion now!  
  • Chair may summarize where consensus is apparent and where differences of opinion remain |
| Additional Rev. Criteria | • Discuss: Protections for Human Subjects, Gender/Minority/Children  
  • Vertebrate animals  
  • Biohazards  
  • Resubmission |
| Final Score Voting | • Call for Final Overall Impact Score (Initial/preliminary impact score is NOT binding)  
  • Final Impact Score should reflect the reviewer’s overall evaluation and quality of discussion (it is not an average of individual criterion scores)  
  • All panel members vote confidentially (both online at IAR site and in score sheet, hard-copy) |
| Additional Consideration | • Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (Ethics; training in each career stage or every 4 years)  
  • Select Agent Research (hazardous biological agents and toxins)  
  • Resource Sharing Plans (Data Sharing Plan; Sharing Model Organisms; and GWAS)  
  • Budget and Period of Support (justifications for period of support) |
Only ~50% of applications will be “discussed.” Those applications with non-competitive scores will receive full written reviews, but will not be discussed in order to allow more time for discussion of the competitively scored applications.
Reviewers must be:

- Knowledgeable/subject expert
- Impartial, unemotional
- Fair
- Objective
- Accurate
- Critical, logical
- Reliable
- Able to write a helpful, readable review
- Able to assess “novelty”
Challenges:

• Personal association/conflict of interest
• Direct competitors
• Finding a sufficient number of reviewers willing to serve
• Confidentiality
• Time consuming
• Highly subjective/prone to bias
• Poor at detecting fraud
# SCORED REVIEW CRITERIA
Fellowship Applications (F30, F31, F32)

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<th>REVIEW CRITERIA (Provide Criterion Score for each)</th>
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<td>1. Fellowship Applicant</td>
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<td>2. Sponsors, Collaborators, &amp; Consultants</td>
<td>1. Human Subjects</td>
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<td>5. Institutional Environment &amp; Commitment to Training</td>
<td>4. Resubmission (for A1 applications)</td>
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**Overall Impact**
- Overall Impact score is NOT an average of Individual criterion scores.
- It is a separate assessment of the likelihood of the fellowship to promote candidate’s potential for, and commitment to, an independent scientific research career, in consideration of the scored and additional review criteria.
Fellowship Review Focus Summary

• The review should focus on the training VALUE of the application and its IMPACT on applicant’s scientific development
  ✓ the applicant's potential for an independent, scientific research career
  ✓ the applicant's need for the proposed training
  ✓ the sponsor’s training experience, funding, and commitment
  ✓ the level of integration of the Research and Training Plans to provide productive research training
  ✓ the quality of the research environment (Scientific programs, facilities)
  ✓ Overall Impact Score Decision: the potential of the application to promote scientific development and prepare the candidate for research independence
Overall Impact Evaluation

- Judge the application for its ability to make a strong impact on candidate’s Research Training and Career Development
  - Focus on the quality and conceptual framework of the research goals
  - The feasibility of the training and research plan

- Take all components into consideration when giving a score
  - Though all review criteria can affect overall Impact score, an application does not need to be strong in all of them to get an outstanding score.
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<th>MERIT Assessment</th>
<th>IMPACT on candidate’s research training and career development</th>
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| Overall research training VALUE of the application | **HIGH**  
No weaknesses or negligible weakness that will not affect training | 1     |
|                  |                                                               | 2     |
|                  |                                                               | 3     |
|                  | **MEDIUM**  
A good application with some minor weaknesses | 4     |
|                  |                                                               | 5     |
|                  |                                                               | 6     |
|                  | **LOW**  
Applications with moderate weakness | 7     |
|                  |                                                               | 8     |
|                  |                                                               | 9     |
Overall Impact Score Guidelines

Training Value and its Impact on applicant’s training and development

FELLOWSHIPS & CAREER AWARDS

Overall Impact:
The likelihood that the proposed training (F) or career development (K) will enhance the candidate’s potential for a productive, independent scientific research career in a health-related field.

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Evaluating Overall Impact
Consider the 5 criteria (weighting based on reviewer’s judgment):

Fs
- Applicant
- Sponsor(s)
- Research Training Plan
- Training Potential
- Institutional Environment & Commitment

Ks
- Candidate
- Career Development Plan/Goals*
- Research Plan
- Mentor(s)**
- Environment & Institutional Commitment

and other score influences, e.g. human subjects, animal welfare, inclusion plans, and biohazards

*K05 and K24: Plan to Provide Mentoring
**K02: Consultants/Collaborators

5 is a good, medium-impact application. The entire scale (1-9) should always be considered.

E.g. Proposes training or career development of high value/benefit for the candidate who has high potential for developing into a productive, independent scientist. May have some or no weaknesses in the criteria.

E.g. Proposes training or career development of high or moderate value/benefit for the candidate who has high or moderate potential for further development, but weaknesses in the criteria reduce the overall impact to medium.

E.g. Proposes training or career development of moderate value/benefit for the candidate who shows moderate potential. May have some weaknesses in the criteria.

E.g. Proposes training or career development of moderate or low value/benefit for the candidate who has moderate or low potential for further development. Weaknesses in the criteria reduce the overall impact to low.

E.g. Proposes training or career development of low value/benefit for the candidate who shows low potential. May have some weaknesses in the criteria.