

Optimizing NIH Efforts to Engage Pre-college Students in Biomedical Science

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The NIH Mission

“NIH’s mission is to seek 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.”

- to develop, maintain, and renew scientific human and physical resources that will ensure the Nation's capability to prevent disease
 - In STEM education NIH is primarily focused on workforce development

Leveraging the NIH investment in people and infrastructure for STEM education

- NIH supports more than 300,000 research personnel at over 2,500 universities and research institutions in every state, Puerto Rico and DC
- In addition, about 6,000 scientists work in NIH's own Intramural Research laboratories (six campuses in MD, NC, AZ, MT)
- No other agency has these unique resources to leverage for STEM
- How do we use them?

Department of Health and Human Services

Part 1. Overview Information

Participating Organization(s)	National Institutes of Health (NIH)		
Components of Participating Organizations	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) <i>Eunice Kennedy Shriver</i> National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)		
Funding Opportunity Title	NIH Summer Research Experience Programs (R25)		
Activity Code	R25 Education Projects		
Announcement Type	Reissue of PAR-11-104	R25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 - 15 weeks• S/F up to \$5,000 per high school student, up to \$6,000 per college student, and up to \$21,000 per teacher• \$1000 training expenses• 8 Institutes• 38 active awards in FY14• 25 states• Total cost \$7,882,804	
Related Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 4, 2014 are essential• May 30, 2013 Dates on or after September 24, 2013		
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number	PAR-13-104		
Companion Funding Opportunity	None		
Number of Applications	See Section III. 3. Additional Information		
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number(s)	93.113, 93.121, 93.225		
Funding Opportunity Purpose	The purpose of the NIH Summer Research Experience Program(s) is to provide research experience for high school and college students and science teachers during the summer academic break. The NIH expects that such programs will: help attract		



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Discovery to Cure Internship Program



The Discovery to Cure Internship Program was established in 2003 by Dr. Gil Mor, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, with the goal of exposing students from local schools to Yale's biomedical laboratories to open their minds to pursue career opportunities in science and medicine. The initial program enrolled four students from two local high schools with the participation of two laboratories at the Department of Obstetrics Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences. Since then, the program has grown to include over 35 schools from throughout the country as well as internationally. The program now includes undergraduates and teachers. The program is highly competitive (less than 12% acceptance) and since its inception a total of over 260 high school students, undergraduates and high school teachers have successfully completed the Program. Several interns have presented their research work at science fairs, including the Connecticut Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at UCONN, the National JSHS, Pfizer Life Science Award, Connecticut State Science Fair, International Science and Engineering Fair and the Siemens Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition, achieving semifinalist, finalist and first place status. Approximately 20% of the students have published their findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The Discovery to Cure Internship Program is now a NIH supported program (NOH 1R25HD072591-01)

For more information please click on the link below

[DTC High School Internship Program](#)

schools that have never had an intern in the program. Contact the Program Administrator JoAnn Bilyard at: joann.bilyard@yale.edu

[DTC Undergraduate Internship Program](#)

All undergraduates interested in applying to the program should contact the Program Coordinator Paulomi Aldo at: paula.bole@yale.edu

[DTC High School Teacher Internship Program](#)

All teachers interested in applying to the DTC Teacher Internship please contact the Program Administrator JoAnn Bilyard

R25HD072591 HICHD

- 260 HS students, HS teachers, undergrads over 9 years
- 25 slots/year, 12% acceptance rate
- 20% have published in peer-reviewed journals

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About SPUR/SPUR-DAN

Program Dates: June - August, 2014

Application Deadline: February 1 (Annually), 5pm EST



The CTBR's Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) is an 8-week program that gives undergraduates hands-on experience in one of 53 research laboratories at Hunter College, CUNY in NYC. Our goal is to train and encourage undergraduate students to pursue graduate study in biomedical research, and in drug abuse/addiction and neuroscience.

The SPUR program is now supported by the [Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) through a grant. NIDA's mission is to lead the nation's scientific research on prevention, treatment, and consequences of drug addiction. This funding enables us to offer a specialized research track in drug abuse/addiction and neuroscience, in addition to our general biomedical research track. For more information about research opportunities on these two tracks, [click here](#).

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R25 DA032520 NIDA

160 undergraduate since 1994
outcomes

- 8 in Ph.D. programs
- 5 in M.D. programs
- 2 received MS
- 1 MPH

Administrative Supplements

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Administrative Supplements for Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Teachers

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Purpose

As noted in the NIEHS 2006 Strategic Plan, the NIEHS will enhance opportunities for young, motivated high school and undergraduate students, and science teachers, to actively participate in environmental health research. The NIEHS hereby notifies Principal Investigators with R01, R15, R37, or P01 awards that funds are available for administrative supplements to support summer research experiences for talented and gifted high

Administrative Supplements for individuals to research awards

- summer research experiences for high school students, college undergraduates, and science teachers
- R01, R15, R37, or P01 awards

Any NIEHS-supported R01, R15, R37, or P01 with a minimum of one year of funding remaining at the time of

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Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research for High School Students

This supplement enables principal investigators to support students in their projects. Priority is given to underserved and ethnic groups, individuals from underserved groups in biomedical research, and underserved groups in biomedical research, such as African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic/Latino Americans.

The research activity proposed by the student should be encouraged and supported.

The purpose of this program is to support various aspects of health-related research in nursing and social sciences. Students are supported during the period of support to conduct time research effort each year school year. Principal Investigator must be a senior research program (i.e., equivalent to two years of research experience).

More than one high school research project (P01), or contract.

PA-12-149

Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Admin Supp)

- 26 ICs and Offices
- Very flexible
 - 42 mechanisms
 - HS student, undergrads, grad, post docs, teachers

Research Supplements to Promote Diversity Web links:

[Program Announcement \(PA-12-149\) for Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp\)](#)



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RESEARCH FUNDING

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Division of Comparative Medicine

ORIP's **Division of Comparative Medicine** helps meet the needs of biomedical researchers for high-quality, disease-free animals and specialized animal research facilities. The Division supports both individuals and research organizations.

See the latest news, policies, education and training materials, and information about animals in research on the [NIH Medical Research with Animals](#) website.

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SELECTED SUPPORTED SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES:

IL-1 signaling to enhance secretion of
modulators of inflammation and immunity
(PGE2, TSG6, and STC1)
Stem Cells. 2013; 31(11):2443-56.
PMC3834191

demethylation and a blastocyst-like state in
ES cells

COMPARATIVE MEDICINE LINKS

▶ [Staff Contacts](#)

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ION@Yerkes Accepting Applications; Summer 2014 Program Open to High School Students and Middle and High School Teachers

January 23, 2014

Media Contacts

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The Yerkes National Primate Research Center (Yerkes) with the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience (ION)@Yerkes, are looking for highly motivated high school students and high school teachers.

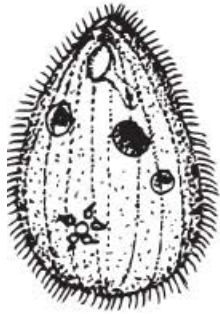
The program, which will begin in June 2014, is open to high school students and teachers.

Week one – Scholars will participate in a series of lectures, hands-on activities, and hands-on research techniques and participate in communication, scientific ethics and safety training.

Next seven weeks – Scholars will participate in a series of lectures, hands-on activities, and hands-on research techniques and participate in communication, scientific ethics and safety training. mentored research may take place at Yerkes, Emory University, Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology or Morehouse College. Teacher Scholars will be

P51 National Primate Research Center

- Participants: The Yerkes Center, Emory University, Georgia State University, the Georgia Institute of Technology and Morehouse College
- 10 high school students/year
- 3-4 middle or high school science teachers/year
- Institutionally supported



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P40 Resource Center for Tetrahymena thermophila

R25 Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA)

- Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine



- Self-contained biology teaching modules for use in high school and middle school
- Modules utilize live cultures of *Tetrahymena thermophila*, a safe, easy to grow protozoan
- Hands-on, inquiry-based approach designed to address core biological concepts
- Multi-tiered for use in middle or high school classes
- Summer teacher workshop



Yesterday we did our first Tetrahymena experiment by feeding them India Ink particles to observe food vacuole formation over a period of time. Today we analyzed the data and brainstormed other ways to test food vacuole formation.



[Groton NY Science Fair 2011](#)

Three students from Mr. DeVoe's 7th Grade Life Sciences class designed an experiment utilizing *Tetrahymena thermophila* to study the effects of temperature on the feeding behavior of tetrahymena



NNTRC

NATIONAL
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Toxins
Research Center
(NNTRC)



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The University has had an active venom research program for almost 40 years, and on March 24, 2000, the Texas A&M University Board of Regents established the National Toxins Research Center.

Mission

The National Natural Toxins Research Center focuses on the discovery of medically important toxins found in nature.

Snake Venoms

P40 Viper Resource Center - The National Natural Toxins Research Center

- ORIP/DPCPSI
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- 2014 - Nine High School students
- DoEd Upward Bound Math & Science

Student Training

- **Purification and characterization of venoms:**
 - *High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)*
 - *SDS Electrophoresis*
 - *Electrophoretic Titration*
- **Various activity assays:**
 - *Hemorrhagic*
 - *Proteolytic*
 - *Coagulation*
 - *Fibrinolytic*
 - *Aggregation*
- **Cloning from cDNA libraries for disintegrin molecules**
- **Tissue culture assays**
 - *Cell binding*
 - *Cell migration*
- **Creation of Research**

Viper Resource Center - The National Natural Toxins Research Center

Student comments from the 2009 Summer Research Program at NNTRC

Jennifer Allen:

"Working at the NNTRC has allowed me the opportunity to learn lab techniques alongside several accomplished researchers and professors. Prior to joining the NNTRC, I did not have any research experience. I am now aware of how venom proteins may be able to cure or prevent illnesses."

Tracey Alvarado:

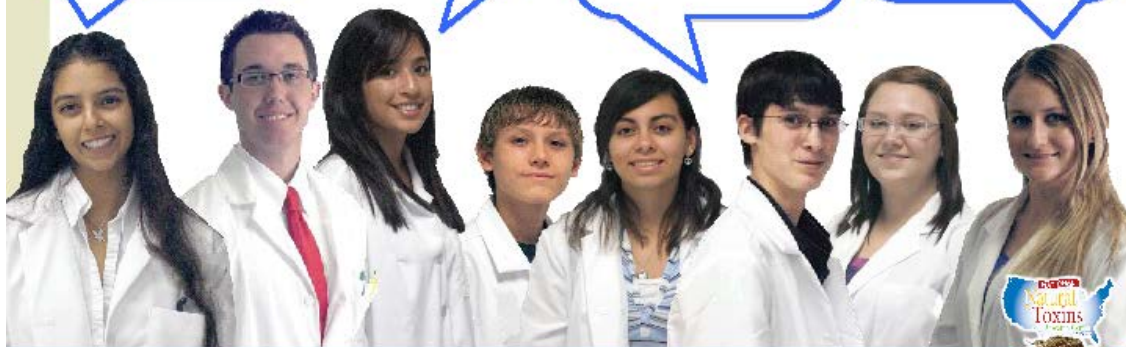
"I was able to learn about the different instruments used and how to apply these techniques to important biochemical research. This opportunity has opened my eyes to the career of doing biomedical research."

Cody Bigelow:

"I'm a sophomore in high school. Before attending this research program, I had no background in a research lab. Thanks to this program, I have learned about the different types of instruments that are used in the lab and how to use and apply them in different assays."

Kelsi Gulick:

"I have learned many concepts in the field of Molecular Biology that correlates with medical research. After being so directly involved in medical research I have now gained a new respect for people who work so diligently to develop a new drug."



NIH Intramural Summer Internship Program

- Eight+ week research experience at all levels
 - High School
 - College
 - Medical/Dental
 - Graduate (MS, PhD, PharmD, PsyD, etc)
- Many workshops and other educational opportunities
- Access to pre-graduate advising
- End-of-summer poster session

- ~ 1200 students each summer (25% HS students)
- ~1250 intramural labs with ~ 7,500 investigators and trainees

<http://www.training.nih.gov/student/sip/>

Observations

- Leveraging the investment in people and research infrastructure is the unique contribution NIH can make in STEM
- There are many approaches
 - Group training programs
 - Individual supplements to existing research awards
 - Appropriate use of NIH-supported resources with co-funding
- It is widely done (but challenging to quantify)



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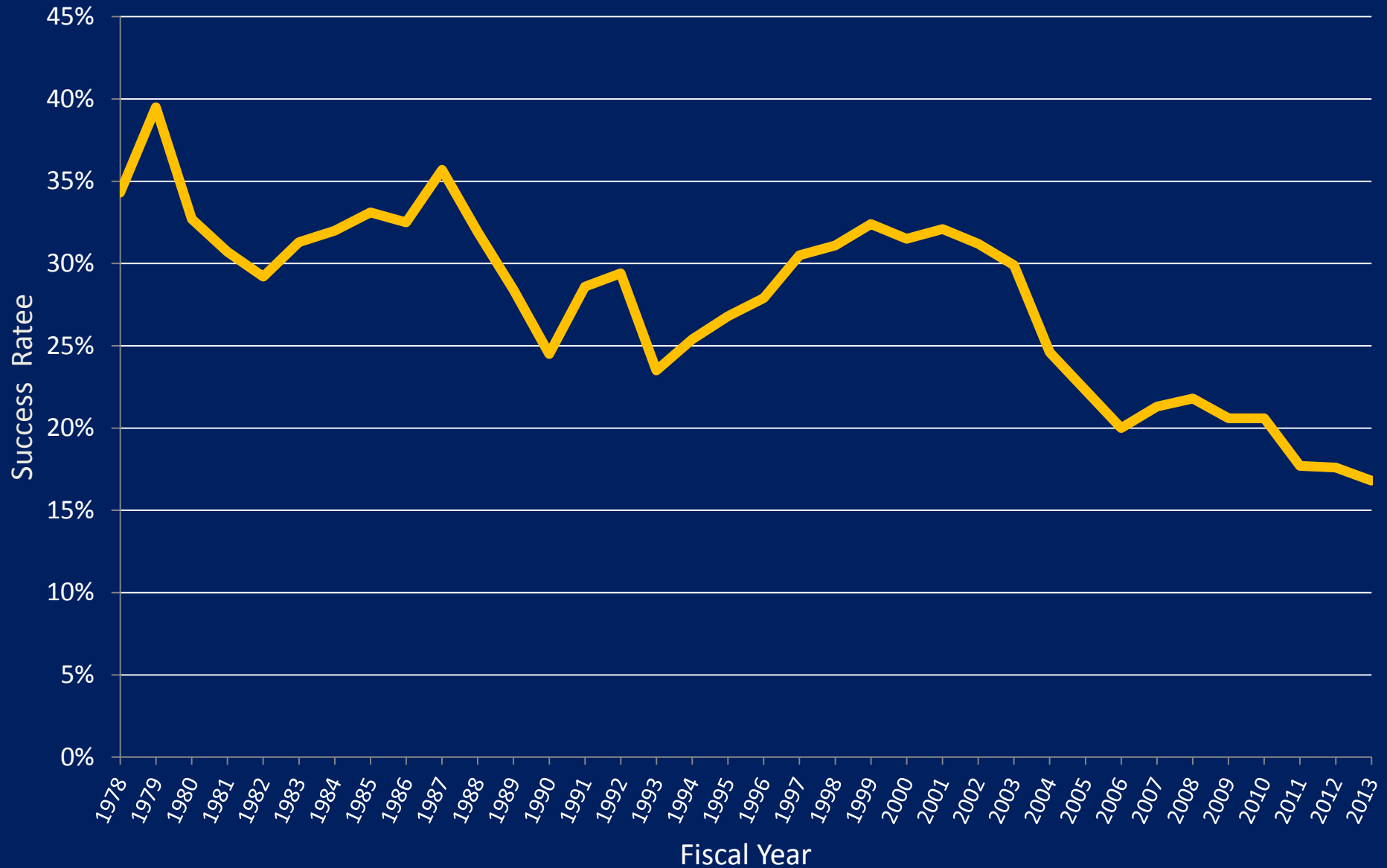
Speeding submission to award

Richard Nakamura

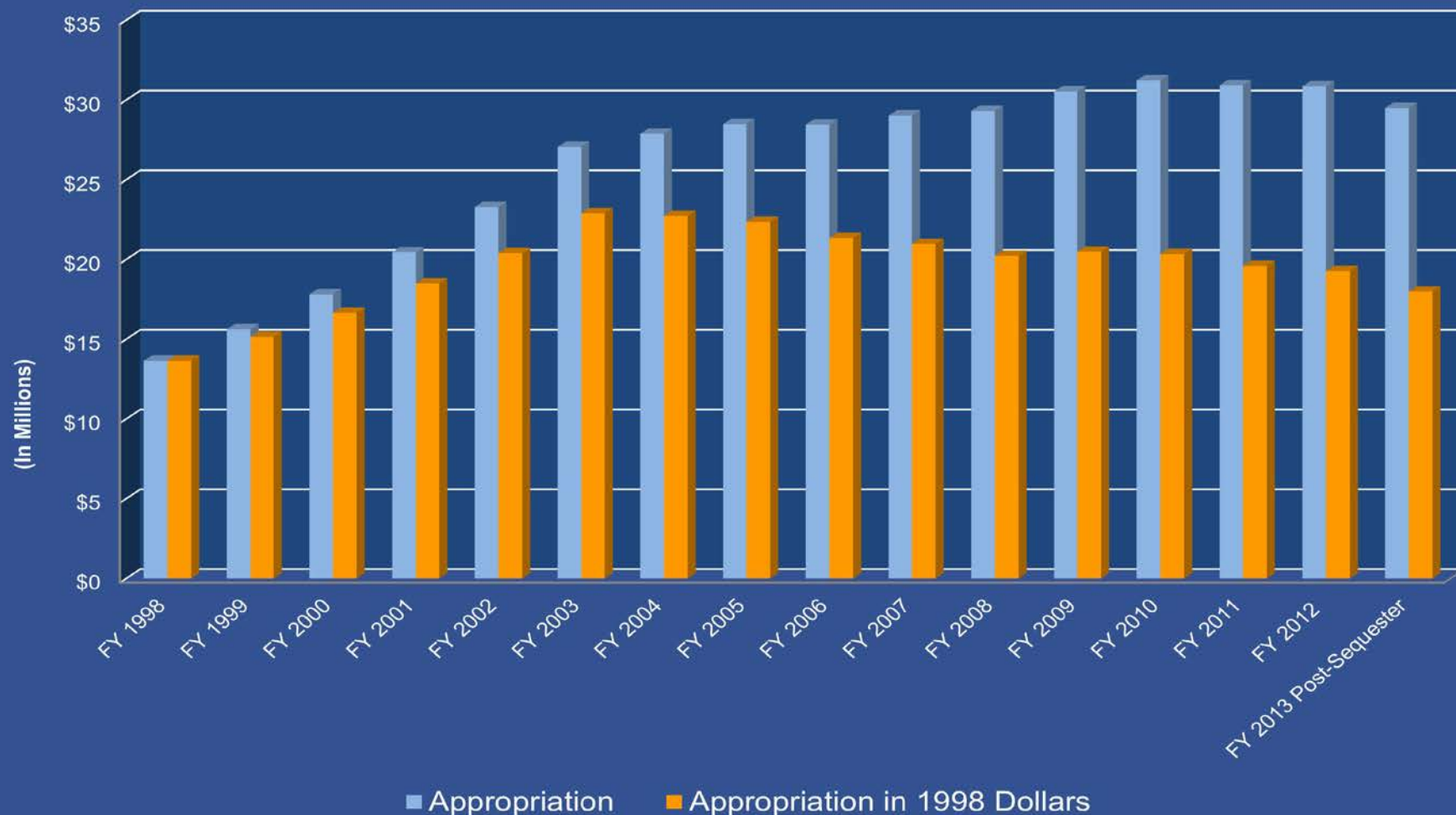
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Grant Success Rates

FY 1978-2013

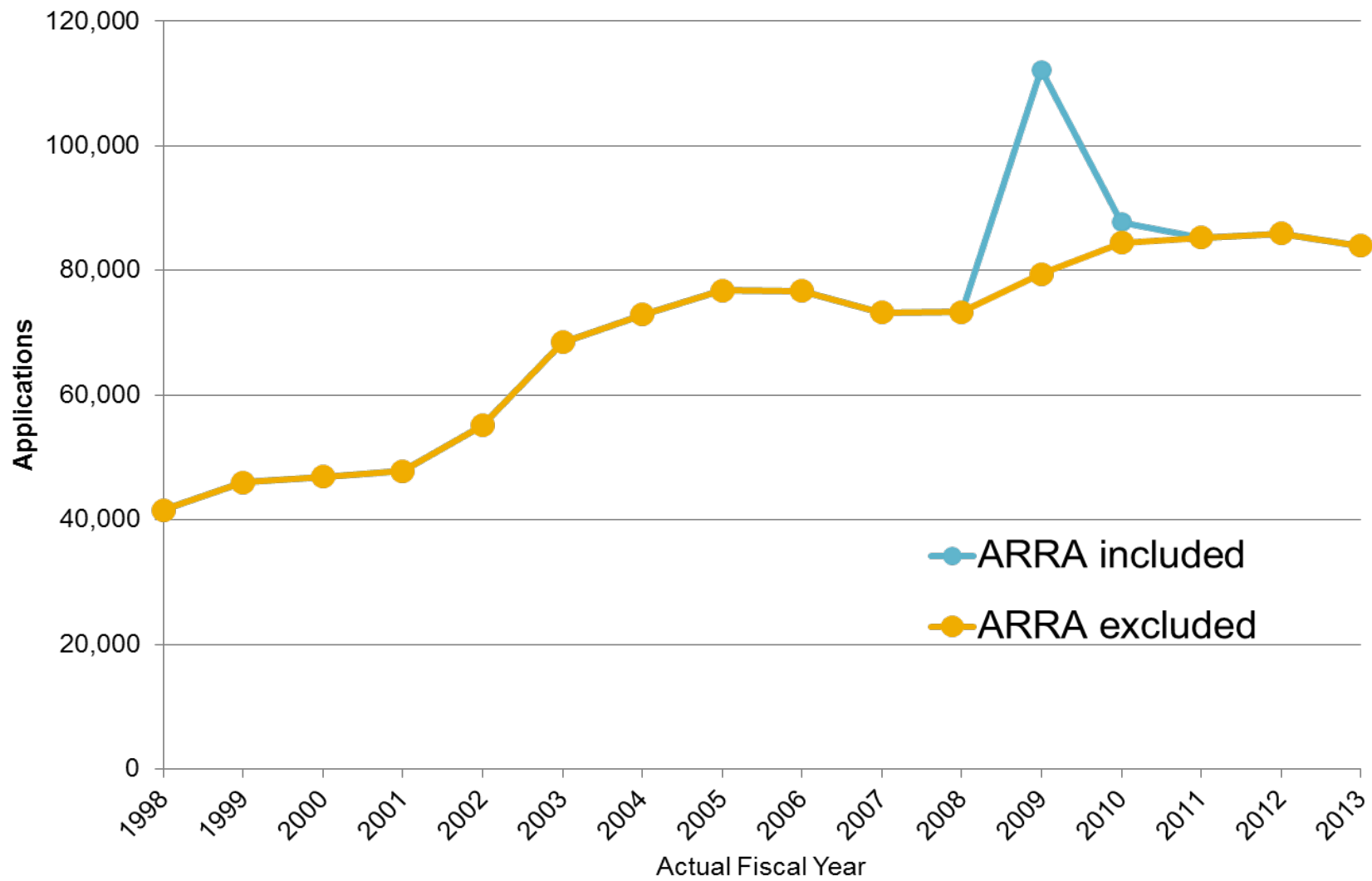


NIH Program Level in Appropriated Dollars and Constant 1998 Dollars





Number of Applications Received by Fiscal Year



Expectations for CSR

- Highest quality
- Cost effective (cheap)
- Fast

Goals of CSR

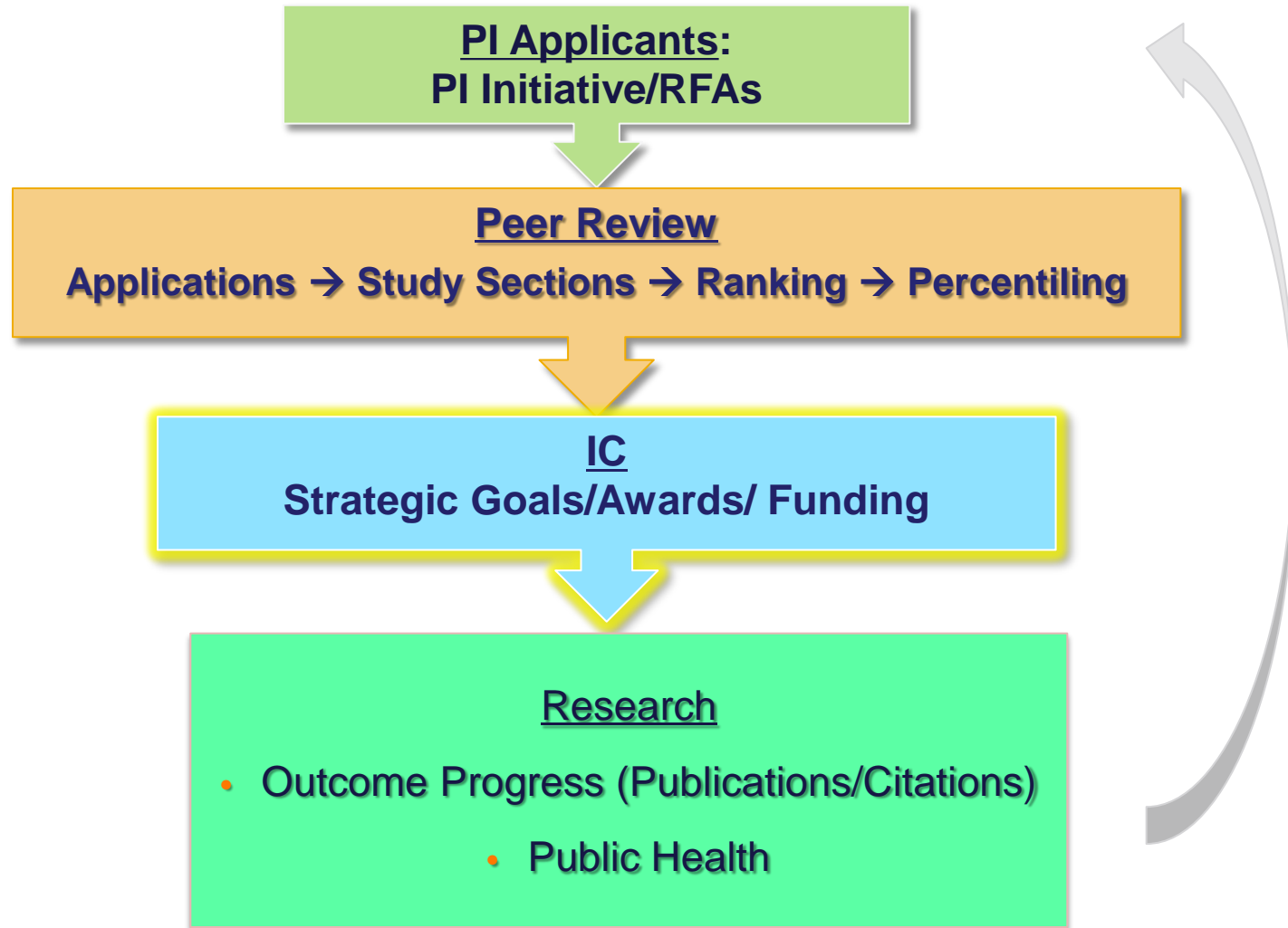
- Improve continuously:
 - Fairness of review
 - Quality of review
 - Efficiency of review
 - Morale of staff and reviewers
- Create a science of peer review

CSR Peer Review – Fiscal Year 2013

- 84,000 applications received by CSR
- 73% of NIH grant applications reviewed by CSR
- 173 standing study sections
- 236 Scientific Review Officers
- 1,500 review meetings
- 17,000 reviewers

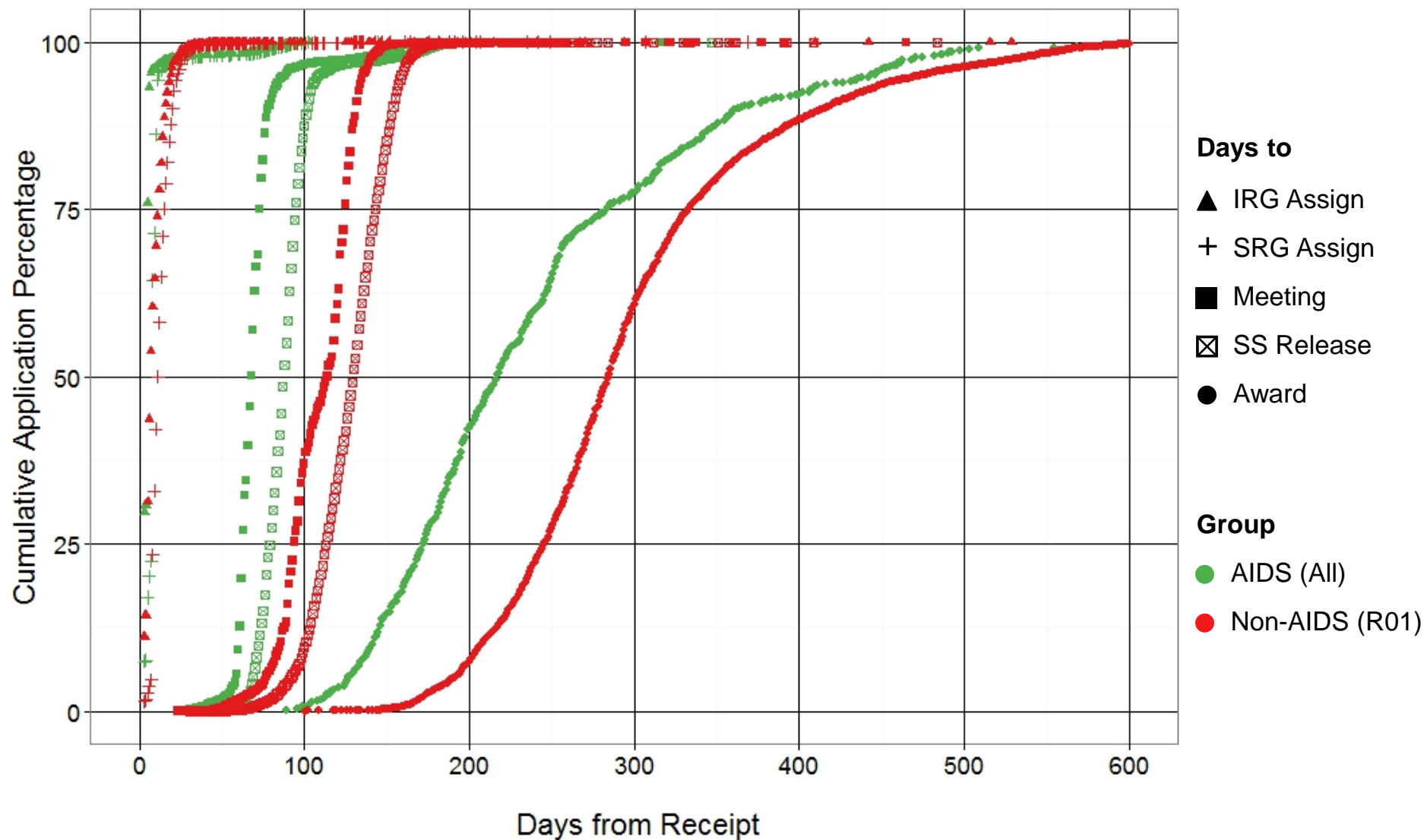


The NIH Peer Review and Award Process



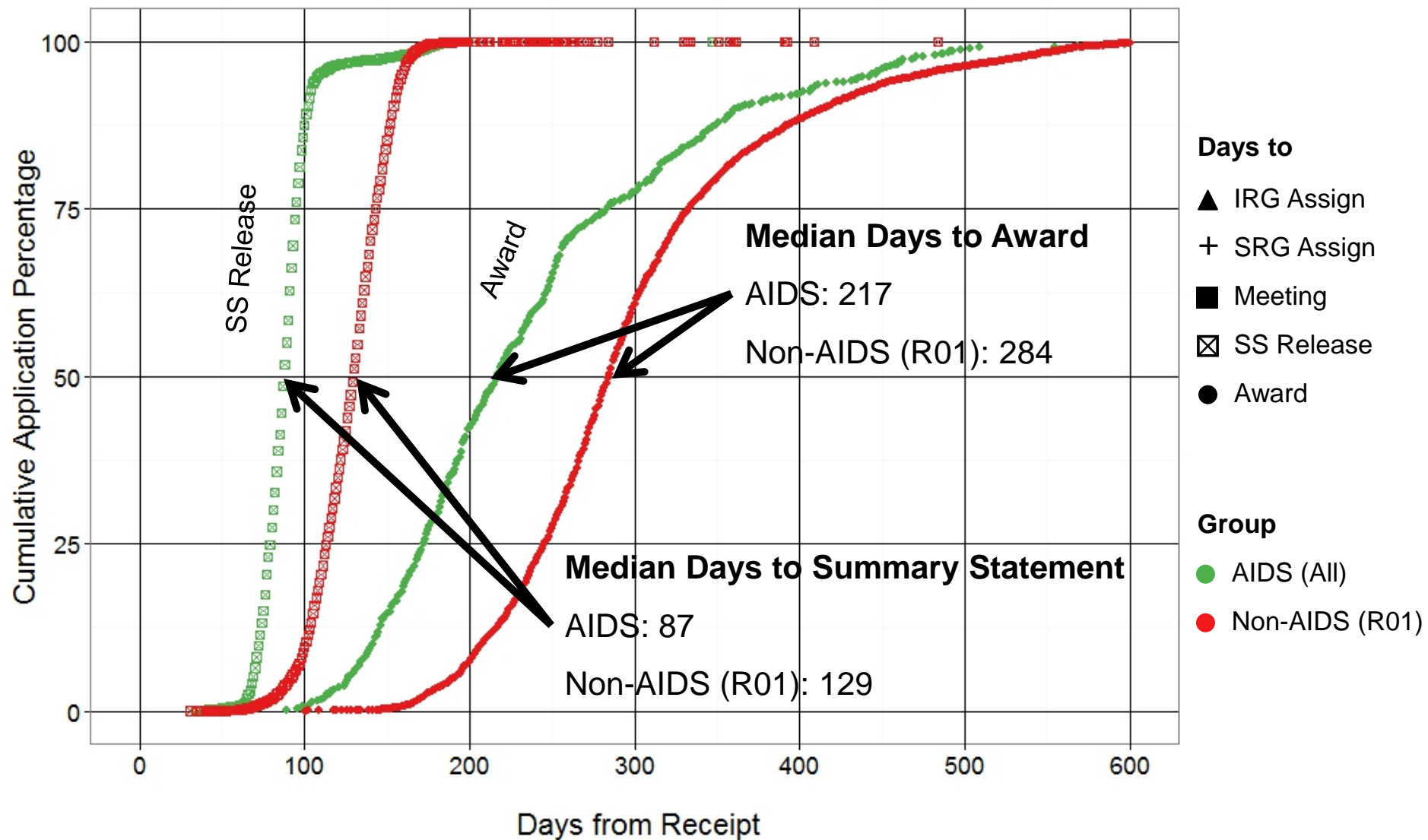


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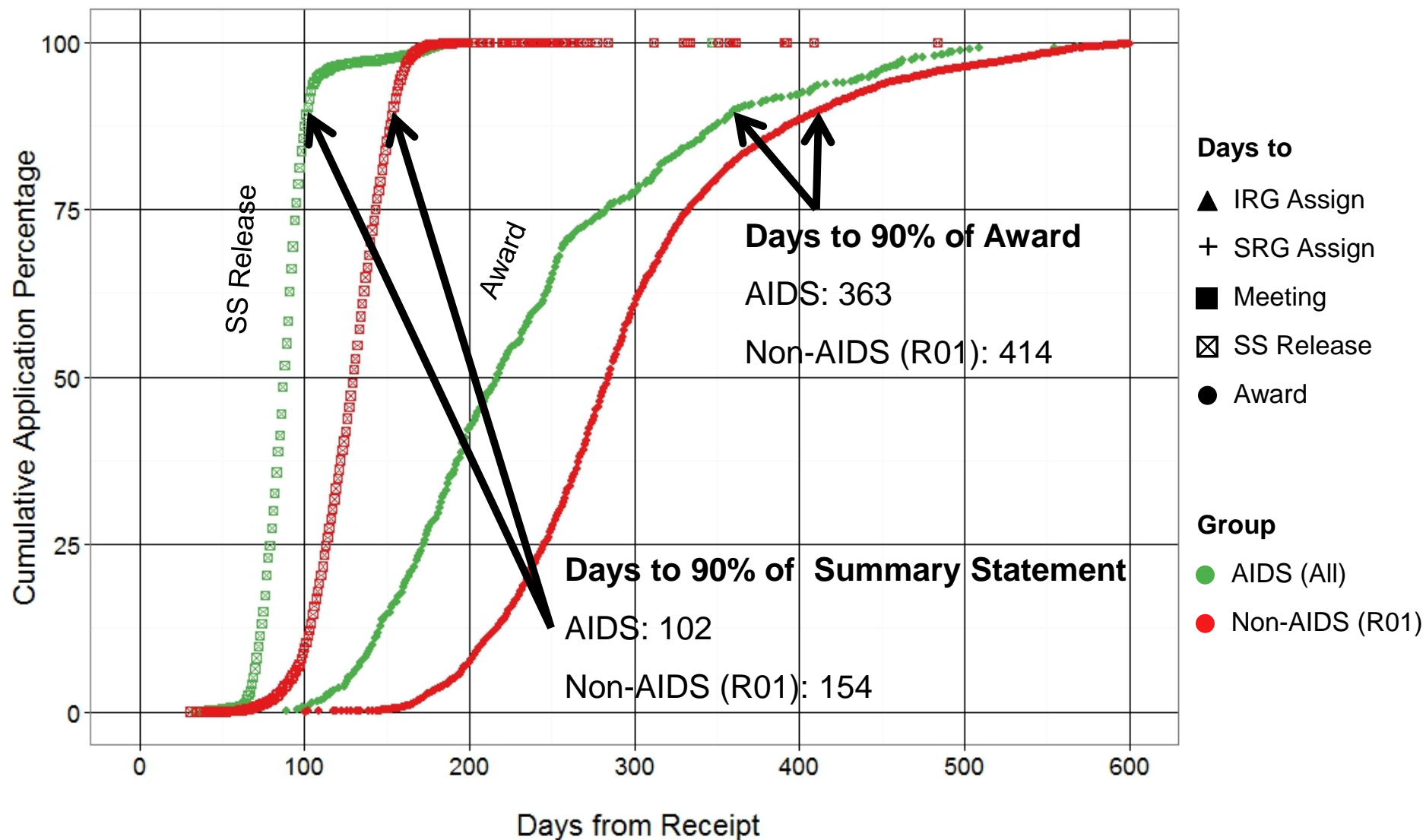


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R01 Official Review Schedule

Due Dates	Merit Review	Council	Award	To SS	To Awd
Feb 5, Mar 5	Jun-Jul	October	December	7 mo	11 mo
Jun 5, Jul 5	Oct-Nov	January	April	6 mo	11 mo
Oct 5, Nov 5	Feb-Mar	May	July	6 mo	10 mo

Review regularly beats this schedule: 5 months to 90% of summary statements

Awards often delayed: 13.5 months to 90% of awards

AIDS Review Schedule

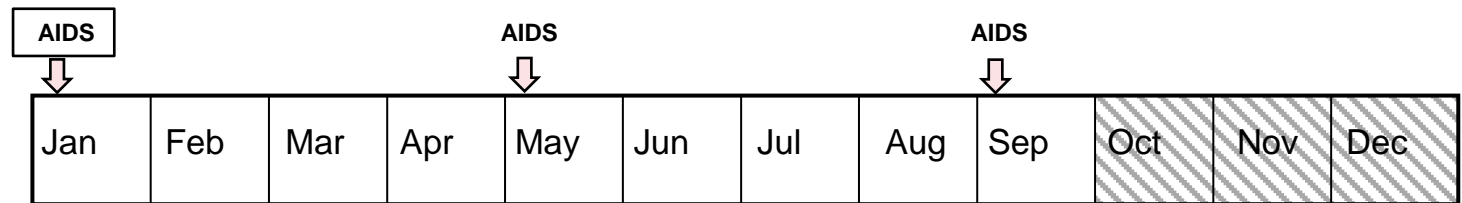
Due Dates	Merit Review	SS Due	Council	Subm to SS
May 7	July	August	September	4 mo
September 7	November	December	January	4 mo
January 7	March	April	May	4 mo

This is the fastest schedule for CSR review and results in some quality compromises.



Current Timeframe for R01s -- Submission to Award

Three Main Overlapping Cycles per Year



Cycle I



Cycle II



Cycle III



<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Peer Review: Good timing for face to face review

REVIEW: Submission to Summary Statement

Submission: Should be 1 DAY for any mechanism with 2 WEEKS flex

Receipt and referral: 2 WEEKS

Reviewer recruitment and application assignment by SRO: 4 WEEKS

Reviewer time with applications and writing critiques: 4 WEEKS

Meetings: SPREAD OVER 4 WEEKS (40 meetings per week)

Writing summary statements: 4 WEEKS

Total time needed for review from submission to SS: 4.5 MONTHS

Suggested Review Schedule R01

Due Dates	Merit Review	SS Due	Council	Subm to SS
January	April	May	July	4.5 mo
May	August	September	November	4.5 mo
September	December	January	March	4.5 mo

This is a faster schedule for CSR review and has no quality compromises but creates some workload distribution and flexibility problems. The latter may be solved by sliding due dates a month earlier and allowing more internal adjustments for a 5-5.5 month time to summary statement.

New Cycle 1 on 2015 Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>Submission DRR</p>	<p>February</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>SRO Recruit & Assign</p>	<p>March</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p> <p>Reviewer Critiques</p>	<p>April</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>Review Meetings</p>
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Proposed Timeframe for R01s -- Submission to Award

Three Main Overlapping Cycles for 2015

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Cycle I



Cycle II



Cycle III



<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Where to make improvements in submission to award

- Start with awards – help NIH avoid fiscal year startup blues. Consider January, May, and September as award months.
- Make application submission through Grants.gov smoother. Provide strong support for new software
- Give more positive reinforcement for reviewers- light refreshments and better travel rules
- Help us control the number of applications

For review of the full load of applications we think that about 4.5 months from submission to summary statement can be done; to try to go faster under current application loads will compromise quality.

This Is CSR



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Questions? Comments?

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Recommendation on engaging students in science

Matt Anderson

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I. Personal experience

- Interest in natural world
- Stubbornness
 - “Especially Weigand; he looks just like the guy who slapped my head and roared at me about football, the guy who taught us science but didn't know the difference between the three classes of levers”
 - Reference to forming club by Anon
- Lots of self doubt

II. Challenges and Opportunities

- Challenges
 - Lack of academic rigor/exposure
 - Lack of context
 - Connection to future
 - Lack of resources

Many people assume that most Native students attend Bureau of Indian Education schools. In reality, however, only **7 percent** of Native students attend BIE schools.



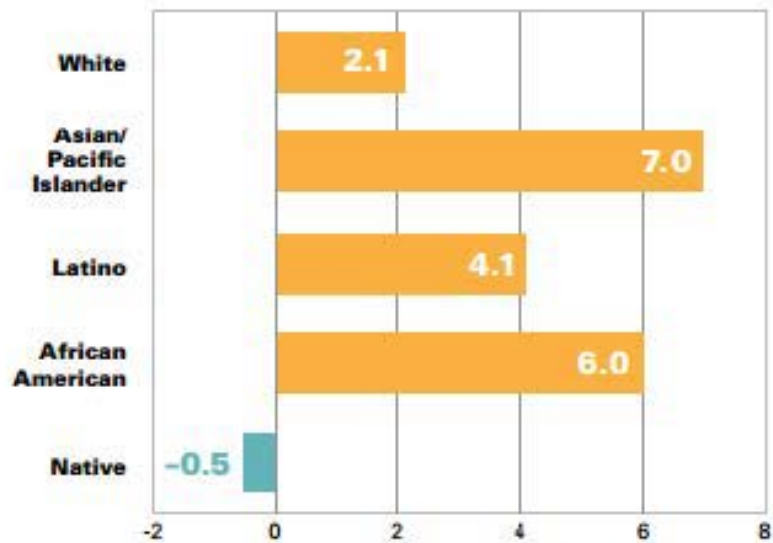
The vast majority — **93 percent** — attend regular public schools.

While Native students are more likely than their peer attend rural schools, about **one-third** of student attend urban or suburban schools.

II. Challenges - Resources

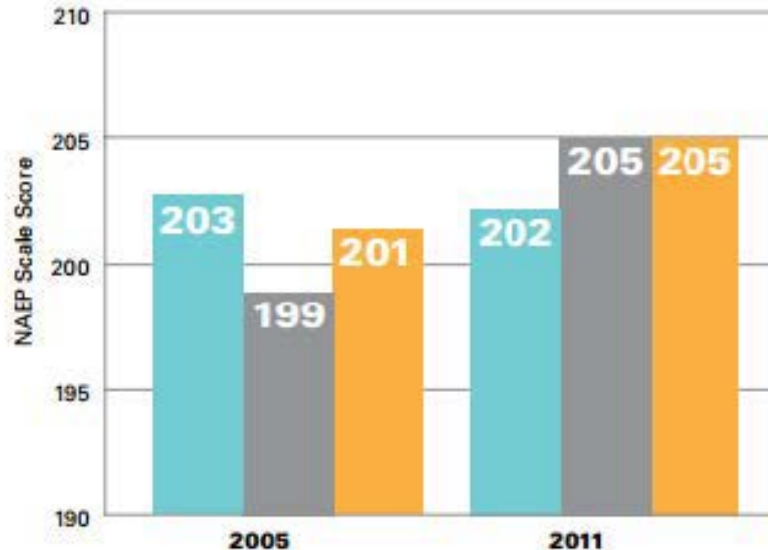
- Physical resources
 - Infrastructure
 - Access to technology
- Financial
 - Cost of college
 - Tribal/CCs with fewer scientific tracts
- Personnel
 - Teacher quality
 - TFA
- **Mentors**
 - Connecting science to community
 - Research experiences

2005–2011 Improvement: Fourth-Grade Reading

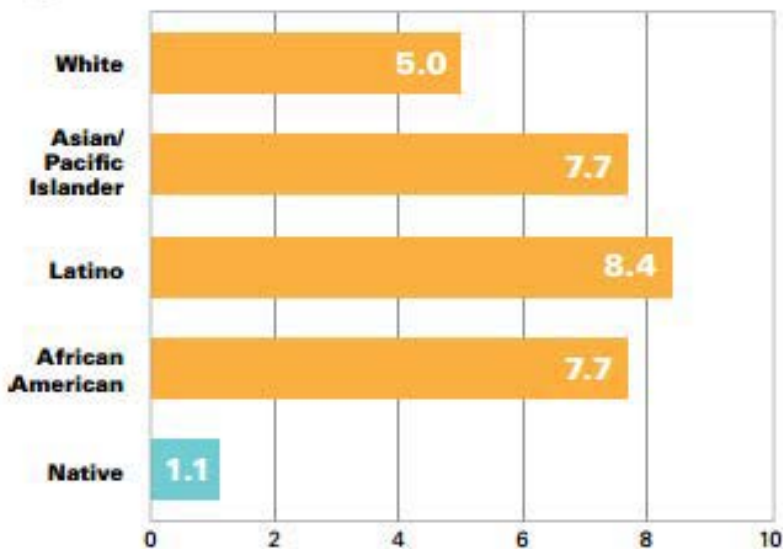


2005–2011 Change in NAEP scale scores (scale score points)

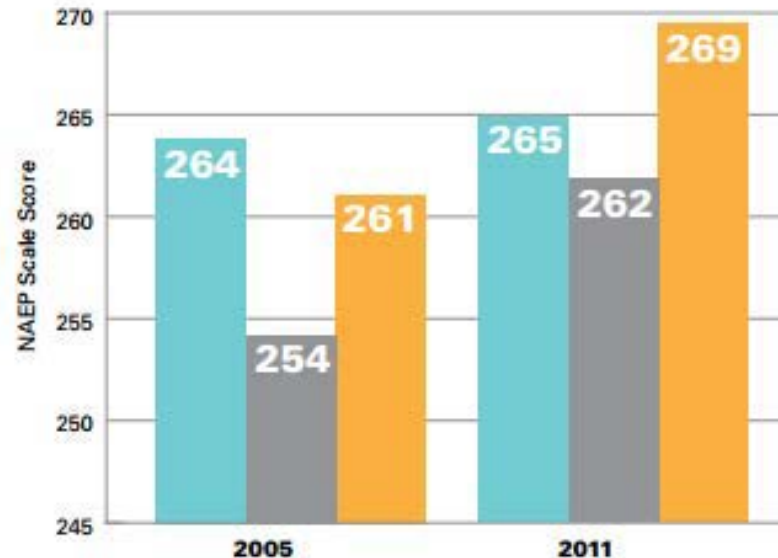
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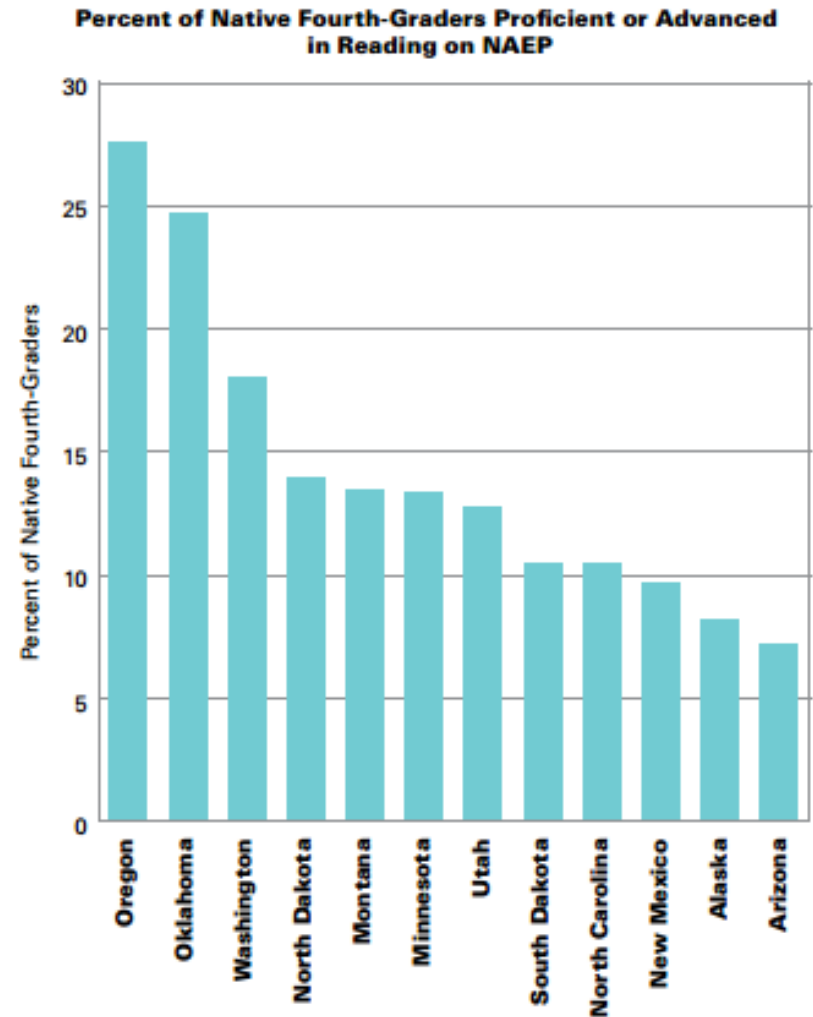
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II. Opportunities

- Support organizations
- Pipeline programs
- Learning/research opportunities
- Understanding context
- Role models



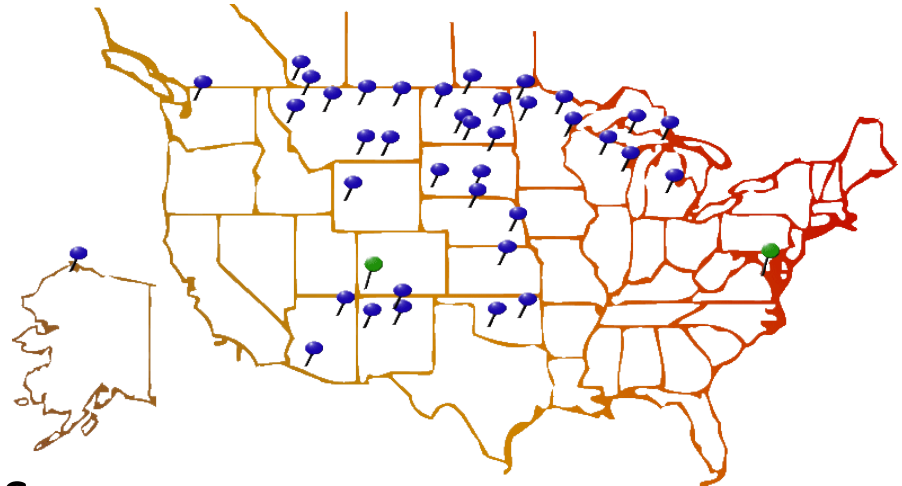
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- AISES
- NIM
- ANAMS
- SUUMA



II. Opportunities – Pipeline and Research

- Pipeline
 - College Horizons
 - Native American High School Summer Program (Harvard)
 - Na Pua No'eau
- Research
 - Tribal colleges
 - government programs
 - R1 academic institutions



II. Opportunites – Context and Mentors

- Context
 - Teaching in a culturally sensitive way
 - i.e. genetics
 - Tying research to community
 - i.e. NAHSSP focused on addiction
- Mentors
 - Validation
 - Peer-to-peer without competition
 - Work in cohorts
 - Highlighting role models



III. Advice - Engagement

- Engagement
 - Travel to communities to engage students
 - What is science like
 - What can you do with it
 - How is it used to benefit society/communities
 - Work directly with Tribal colleges
 - Offering NIH research opportunities

III. Advice - Support

- Holding up the pipeline
- Encourage mentorship
- Data collection on career paths
- Target broad spectrum of students

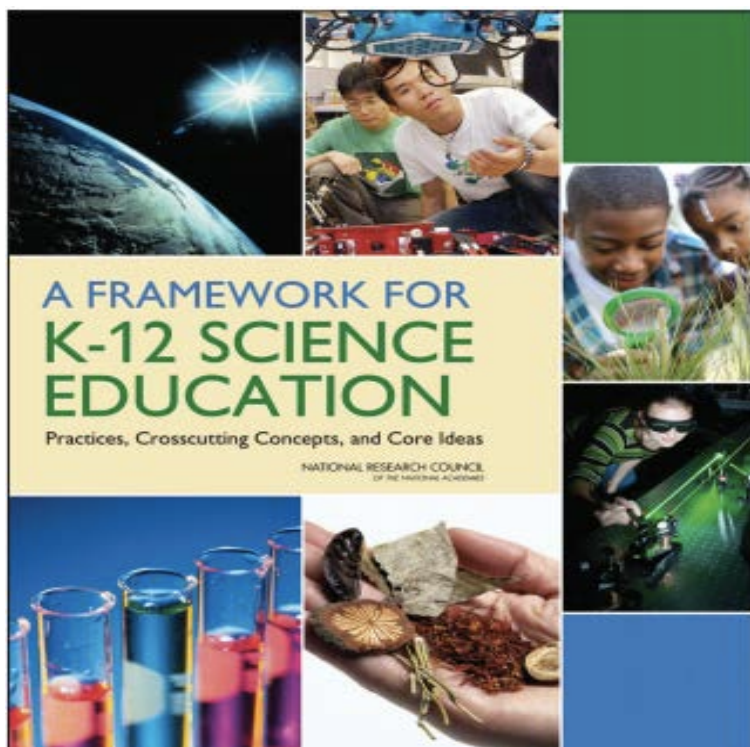
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Developing the NGSS



Phase I



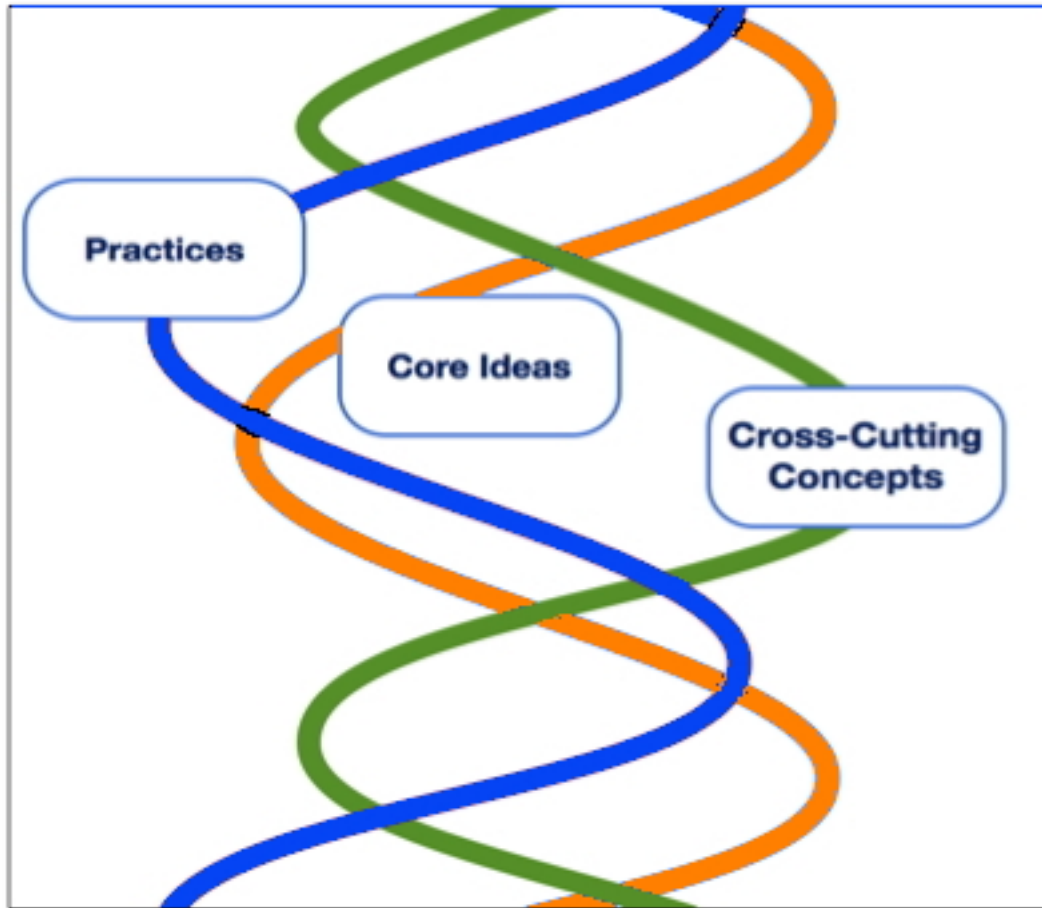
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Phase II



7/2011 – April 2013

Three Dimensions Intertwined



- The NGSS are written as Performance Expectations
- NGSS will require contextual application of the three dimensions by students.
- Focus is on how and why as well as what



What's Different about the Next Generation Science Standards?

Current State Science Standard Sample



Inquiry Standards

- a. Students will explore the importance of curiosity, honesty, openness, and skepticism in science and will exhibit these traits in their own efforts to understand how the world works.
- b. Students will use standard safety practices for all classroom laboratory and field investigations.
- c. Students will have the computation and estimation skills necessary for analyzing data and following scientific explanations.
- d. Students will use tools and instruments for observing, measuring, and manipulating equipment and materials in scientific activities utilizing safe laboratory procedures.
- e. Students will use the ideas of system, model, change, and scale in exploring scientific and technological matters.
- f. Students will communicate scientific ideas and activities clearly.
- g. Students will question scientific claims and arguments effectively.

Content Standards

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Standards Comparison: Structure and Properties of Matter



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NGSS Middle School Sample

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

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4. Develop a model that predicts and describes changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed.
5. Develop and use a model to describe how the total number of atoms does not change in a chemical reaction and thus mass is conserved.
6. Undertake a design project to construct, test, and modify a device that either releases or absorbs thermal energy by chemical processes.*

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Shifts in the NGSSS



1. Evidence of learning
2. Learning Progressions
3. Science and Engineering
4. Coherence of Science Instruction
5. Connections within Science and between mathematics and literacy

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Amgen's Commitment to Inspiring the Next Generation of Scientists

Jean Lim Terra
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July 7, 2014

A Long-Standing Commitment to Advancing STEM Education in the United States and Abroad



- World's largest independent biotechnology company
- Approximately 20,000 employees
- In over 75 countries
- Reaching millions of patients

Through the Amgen Foundation—Amgen's primary philanthropic vehicle—we emphasize and deliver a suite of world-class **STEM education** initiatives that demonstrate Amgen's commitment to science and society

- Tie meaningful initiatives to company identity and core competencies
- Emphasize solicited, long-term signature initiatives with a measureable impact
- Focus on inspiring the next generation of scientists and strengthening scientific literacy

Two Major Strategies in Science Education

Supporting Teacher Quality

Pivotal, Hands-On Science Experiences

To date, Amgen and the Amgen Foundation have committed over \$80 million to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and abroad to advance STEM education.

Select Amgen Investments in Pre-College STEM Education

Amgen Biotech Experience



Effectively brings biotechnology to high schools in Amgen communities in the U.S., U.K., and Ireland

Starting with one high school in 1990, the program today reaches over 60,000 students annually with engaging labs

Strong teacher professional development and support is a hallmark of the program

Nat'l Board for Professional Teaching Standards



Strengthening science instruction and student achievement in Amgen communities

Creates a cadre of National Board Certified Teachers in science in Amgen communities to improve student performance

Developed online courses using performance data to improve science teaching nationwide

National Academy Foundation



Network of career-themed academies for underserved high school students

Course developed on the Principles of Biotechnology, part of the new Academy of Health Sciences

Plans underway to develop additional courses on industry as well as specific sectors of the industry

100Kin10 STEM Initiative



A multi-sector network that responds to the national imperative to train 100,000 excellent science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) teachers by 2021

Aims to increase the quantity and quality of STEM teachers

Ensures that all students have access to first-rate STEM teaching and learning

Amgen Biotech Experience

Scientific Discovery for the Classroom

- Developed through a special collaboration between Amgen scientists and educators, the first labs were used in 1990 at a local high school next to Amgen's global headquarters
- This uniquely Amgen program opens students' eyes to the world of biotechnology, bringing professional-grade lab equipment and the 'wow' factor to biology classrooms
- Nearly \$9 million invested to date has allowed the program to reach **360,000+ students** across Amgen regions, including 60,000 students the past year alone

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"The Amgen program is modern, current, and cutting edge. Micropipettes, gel electrophoresis – students love it. This program is incredibly powerful."

Mary Simun, Biology Teacher
Redondo Union High School, California



Current Program Regions

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| ✓ Southern California | ✓ Rhode Island |
| ✓ Northern California | ✓ Washington, D.C. |
| ✓ Colorado | ✓ Washington |
| ✓ Massachusetts | ✓ England |
| ✓ Puerto Rico | ✓ Ireland |



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Effective Biomedical Lab Experiences Bring Relevancy, Rigor, and Genuine Engagement to High School Classrooms

Value of the Amgen Biotech Experience

- Provides real-world concepts and work experiences of the biomedical industry
- Promotes student interest in biomedical career possibilities
- Leads to more science course-taking in high school and college
- Strongly addresses hands-on “science and engineering practices” required by NGSS*



Strong, Experienced Partners

- Partner organizations bring premier national expertise in science education
- **EDC** leads Program Office; **WestEd** increasing formal evidence of effectiveness
- Regional partners include Harvard, UC Berkeley, community colleges, and others

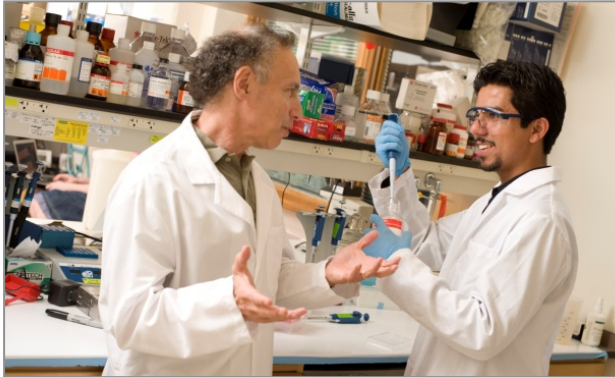
Biomedical Science in High Schools

- Students from all backgrounds can be engaged in solving problems and careers related to helping others
- Thus biomedical sciences has every potential to be a career field that attracts students and helps them to persist in STEM education and careers
- ABE provides an experience that fills a void between many core curricular programs and the need for experiences that demonstrate the applicability of that content to students, and engages them in developing relevant skills
- Student engagement and understanding of the application of content is more likely to lead to further course-taking and retention in STEM programs; thus, **engagement** and **career awareness** is key to building the pipeline in STEM fields

*Next Generation Science Standards

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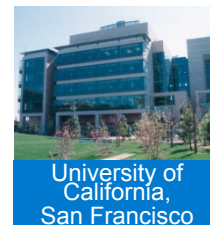
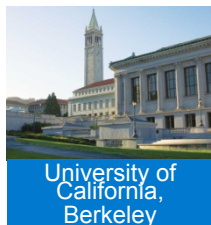
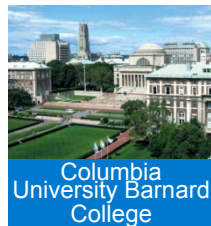
Amgen Scholars Continues to Launch Hundreds of Undergraduates on the Path to a Scientific Career



Access to Incredible Opportunities

Jose Rios of Arizona State University, one of over 2,400 Amgen Scholars to date, spent the summer under MIT Institute Professor Bob Langer, named by Forbes as one of the 25 most important individuals in biotech in the world. Jose was the first in his family to attend college, and is now in graduate school in biomedical engineering at Cornell.

- Now in its 8th year, this premier summer research program at top universities is open to undergraduates across the U.S. and Europe
- Made possible by a \$34 million, eight-year commitment, ensuring that all students are able to participate regardless of their financial status
- Unique U.S. and European Symposia highlight medical biotechnology and engage Amgen executives and staff
- An all-time high of 4,200 students from over 800 colleges and universities applied for this year's 325 slots
- Robust, independent evaluation in place since program launch allows for data-based decision-making, continuous improvement, and ability to track impact over time



Amgen Scholar Alumni are Pursuing Advanced Scientific Degrees and Careers in Large Numbers

PROGRAM ALUMNI

1,096

Current Status of Alumni
Who Have Completed Undergraduate Degree*

552

Graduate School in Science (Masters and PhDs) **

67

MD/PhD
Programs

139

Science-Based
Career

176

Professional School in
Science (MD, Other)

162

Non-Science Grad School
or Career / Unknown

* Status as of February 2013. Note that 711 of the 1807 alumni are still pursuing their undergraduate degree and have not been included in the chart.

**This number includes the 20 alumni who are currently pursuing specialty science programs, or post-bacc fellowships.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Scholar Name

Seychelle Vos

Undergraduate Institution

University of Georgia

Amgen Scholars Program

University of California, Berkeley (2007)

Seychelle's experience as an Amgen Scholar inspired her to return to UC Berkeley for graduate school, where she's just completed her PhD.



Seychelle Vos, Ph.D.
2007 Amgen Scholar



Finding STEM Programs that work: The Power of STEMworks

Scientific Management Review Board, NIH

July 7, 2014





Why Design Principles?

Many wanted better guidance





Why Design Principles?

A very crowded field



Design Principles Committee

- Accenture
- Carolina Biological
- Chevron
- Cisco
- Causecast
- Dupont
- ExxonMobil
- Freeport-McMoRan
- IBM
- Intel
- Merck
- Nature Publishing
- Oracle
- Procter & Gamble
- Teradata
- Texas Instruments



STEM Design Principles

Based in research and deep expertise

DESIGN PRINCIPLES RUBRIC

CHANGE THE EQUATION

OVER ARCHING PRINCIPLES: Sections A - H

A. Need: Does the program address a compelling need?

ACCOMPLISHED	DEVELOPING	UNDEVELOPED
Statement of need is clear, compelling, and supported by recent, valid and targeted data.	Statement of need is clear, compelling, and supported by recent, valid and targeted data.	Statement of need is clear, compelling, and supported by recent, valid and targeted data.
Program makes clear that it adds unique value in addressing the need.	Program makes clear that it adds unique value in addressing the need.	Program makes clear that it adds unique value in addressing the need.
Target audiences are well defined and closely tied to statement of need.	Target audiences are well defined and closely tied to statement of need.	Target audiences are well defined and closely tied to statement of need.
Program can demonstrate that it is reaching the audience in greatest need of its services.	Program can demonstrate that it is reaching the audience in greatest need of its services.	Program can demonstrate that it is reaching the audience in greatest need of its services.

B. Evaluation: Does the program have a plan to evaluate its impact?

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Current third-party evaluation strategy is in place and the program is being evaluated.	Current third-party evaluation strategy is in place and the program is being evaluated.	Current third-party evaluation strategy is in place and the program is being evaluated.

C. Sustainability: Does the program ensure that the work is sustainable?

ACCOMPLISHED	DEVELOPING	UNDEVELOPED
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D. Replication and Scalability: Does the program promote replication and scalability?

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Program documents how it can be scaled or replicated and offers tools to support such scaling or replication.	Program documents how it can be scaled or replicated and offers tools to support such scaling or replication.	Program documents how it can be scaled or replicated and offers tools to support such scaling or replication.
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CHANGE THE EQUATION

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STEM Design Principles

A. NEED

B. EVALUATION

C. SUSTAINABILITY

D. REPLICABILITY

E. PARTNERSHIPS

F. CAPACITY

G. STEM CONTENT

H. STEM PRACTICES

I. STEM INTEREST

**J. UNDERREPRESENTED
GROUPS**



STEM Rubric

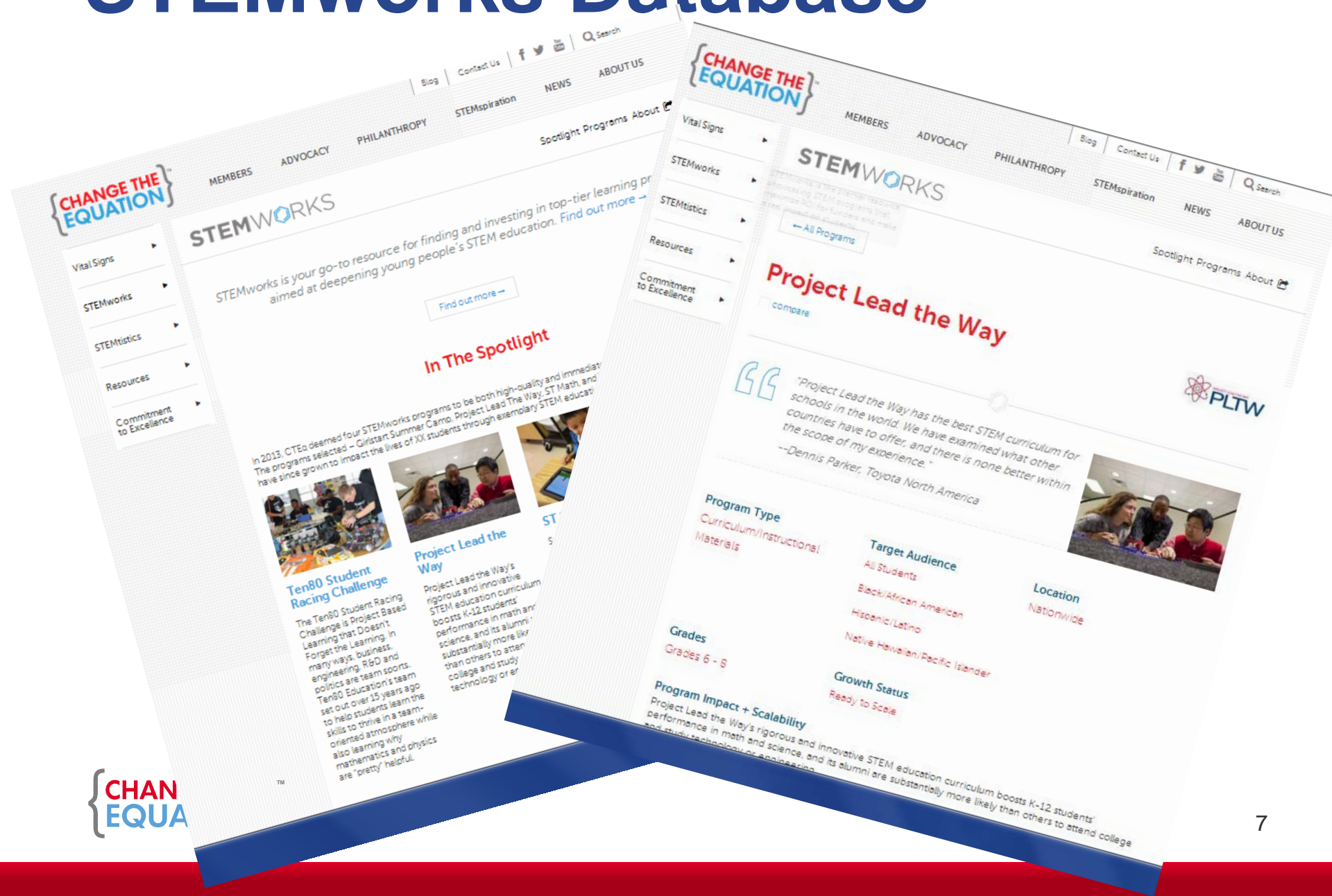
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ACCOMPLISHED	DEVELOPING	UNDEVELOPED
Statement of need is clear, compelling, and supported by recent, valid, and targeted data.	Statement of need is clear and compelling but cites only general data.	Description of need is vague or unconvincing and cites little or no data.
Program makes clear that it adds unique value in addressing the need.	Program identifies other past or present programs that address the same need, but does not fully demonstrate how it adds to those programs.	Program makes no attempt to identify or evaluate other past or present programs that address the same need.
Target audiences are well defined and closely tied to statement of need.	Program defines target audiences but does not clearly tie them to statement of need.	Program does not make clear what audiences it is targeting.
Program can demonstrate that it is reaching the target audience.	Program makes clear efforts to reach target audience but cannot demonstrate what proportion of those audiences it is reaching.	Program makes little effort to reach intended audience.

Sample evidence:

- Program description
- Literature review with cited, research-based data
- Mission/vision or goal statement for program (includes the target population for the program)
- Existing needs assessment data that was used for planning and/or program development
- Logic model
- Evaluation reports that define the need, the target audience, and/or recent data from the research base
- Student/participant demographic data
- Documents that reflect where the program fits into the landscape of existing efforts

STEMworks Database



Rigorous Application Process

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Program self-evaluation:

Program: Test Program - use this program to test user interface.

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OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES : Sections A-H

A. NEED Does the program address a compelling and well-defined need?	Undeveloped
Show Additional Details »	
B. EVALUATION Does the program use rigorous evaluation to continuously measure and inform progress toward ambitious but measurable goals?	Accomplished
Show Additional Details »	
C. SUSTAINABILITY Does the program ensure that the work is sustainable?	Accomplished
Show Additional Details »	
D. REPLICATION AND SCALABILITY Does the program promote replication and scalability?	Developing
Show Additional Details »	
E. OUTSIDE FACTORS Have outside factors or conditions that can accelerate or thwart the progress been identified and addressed?	Undeveloped

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Documents that support your rating for this principle:

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Accomplished	Developing	Undeveloped
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Program regularly uses data from external or internal evaluations to identify and act on opportunities for improvement.	Program only sporadically uses evaluation data to identify and act on opportunities for improvement.	Program has no plans for using evaluation data to improve itself.
Current -third party evaluation data demonstrate that the program is reaching its goals. If the program is new, it is based on high quality research and has a plan for a	Program is based on research that does not directly apply to the program's circumstances. Program designers conduct their own evaluation in lieu of	There is no research cited or a plan to evaluate the program's progress to reach goals

A High Bar

- Only **29%** of applicants admitted thus far
- Strong commitment to the **TRANSPARENCY** of the process
- **FIREWALL** between Change the Equation and WestEd reviewers

Scalable Programs

- Girlstart Summer Camp
- Project Lead the Way
- ST Math
- TEN80 Student Racing Challenge



Thank you

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Director of the Howard Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Facility (HNF)

co-PI NSF STC Center for Integrated Quantum Materials

Outline

- Historical Facts about Howard
- Howard's Research Priorities
- New HuIRB
- Comments of the NIH Review Process

Facts about Research at Howard

- University Charter: March 2, 1867
- 10,500 Students, 13 Schools & Colleges
- Graduate School: 31 programs, 17 STEM area
- 20 Ph.D areas, largest Undergraduate Program in Biology
- NSF Report: largest producer of AA Ph.D.s is STEM
- 32 Million in R&D, 70 million Sponsored Programs

Howard Research Priorities

- Health Disparities
- Nanotechnology/High Performance Materials
- Computational Science/ Cyber Security
- Atmospheres Sciences
- HIV/AIDs
- Stem Cell/Human Genome
- New Media, Electronic/Digital Arts and Gaming
- Educational Disparities
- Green Technologies/Initiatives & Environmental Sustainability

Howard Interdisciplinary Research Building

- \$300 million investment in infrastructure
- 80 million facility
- 43,400 sq./ft assignable
- Hearth of DC high Tech Corridor
 - Nanotechnology/Cleanroom
 - Natural Products Research
 - Developmental Biology/Stem Cell
 - Atmospheric Sciences
 - Core Labs



Comments on Review Process

- Turnaround time for review is quite lengthy
- Reviewers seem to be unfamiliar with the details of the RFA
- Bias against minority institutions; assumption that capacity for performing research is inadequate
- News trolling about an institution; using this information in the review
- Study section reviewers are funded; bias towards keeping funding among small set colleagues

Comments on Review Process

- Need for NIH to pay more attention to “collaborations” with minority serving institutions – ensuring that the MSI is not included as only a means to “boost” minority numbers
- Select reviewers based on keywords/concepts to ensure that content matter experts are reviewing
- Less of a focus on individual grants, but rather more collaborations/small partnerships

Comments from recently unfunded proposals

- The leadership for training URM students at Howard has traditionally been a strength, but recent changes at the University appear to have weakened this capability
- ...all three faculty are male. Given that many of the students will be female, it would be important to have female faculty be part of the programmatic team.

Recent NSF Science & Technology Center



- Center for Integrated Quantum Materials (NSF-STC) with Harvard/MIT
- Vision- The discovery of extraordinary new quantum materials with striking 'non-conventional' properties has caused great excitement, and it promises to transform signal processing and computation
- CIQM \$ 4.5 M per year (Howard 1M)



NIH Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB) Meeting

Richard D. Hichwa, PhD
University of Iowa
July 7, 2014



NIH Funding

- Iowa Perspective
- Key Problems
- Training Environment
- Rethinking the NIH Grant
- Review and Evaluation Process

University of Iowa Data



<u>NIH Funding by Grant Type</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	
R01	228	206	205	(.775 M)
R21	26	28	25	
R03	6	11	12	
R13	1	2	1	
P	23	21	24	(1.17 M)
U	14	19	17	
T	30	24	32	
K	36	37	27	
F	17	24	20	
<u>Other</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>48</u>	
Total	418	409	411	

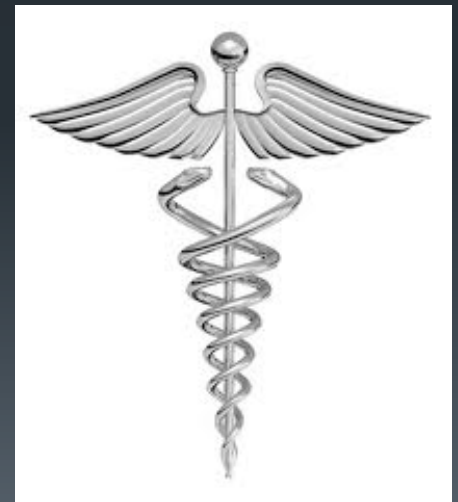
The Funding Problem:

Academic Culture vs Federal Sponsored Research

- Capitalistic Academy: Growth is the only way to achieve distinction
- Tenure based on obtaining grant funding
- Increasing # applicants vs decreasing funding pool
- Fund your own position
- Independent investigator vs multidisciplinary team
- PIs with more grants rewarded by institutions
- Sustaining a large lab requires fulltime grant writing
- Pressure to produce can lead to research misconduct

University Medical Schools

- Measures of productivity, distinction and ranking are based almost exclusively on grant funding.
- Schools of Medicine are heavily leveraged and subsidized by NIH funding.
- Translational medicine is considered second rate compared to bench science.
- The demand for laboratory investigation requires growth in research space.





Junior vs Senior Researchers

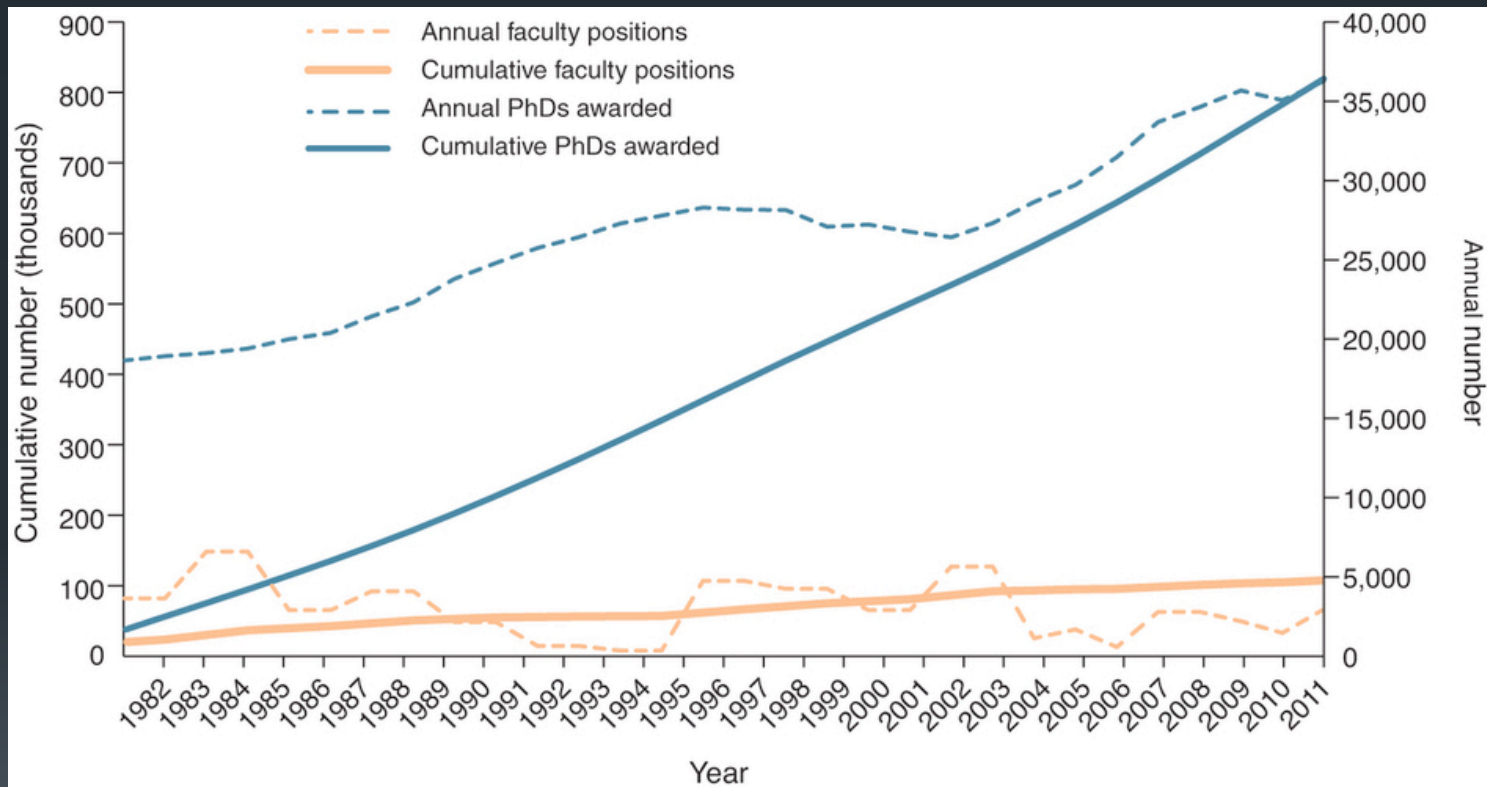
- How to compete with long standing researchers?
- New ideas vs Incremental research
- Tenure track vs Clinical track
- Protected time vs Accountability for all effort
- Existing lab infrastructure vs Starting-up
- Mentoring and improving competitiveness

The Training Environment

- Trainees vs Employees
- Cloning the faculty
- Predocs vs Postdocs
- Alternative careers
- Developing a career trajectory in a mentored setting
- Infrastructure demands



New Faculty Positions vs New PhDs



Schillebeeckx, et al. Nature Biotechnology, **31** 938-941 (2013)

What's Needed at NIH

- More grant opportunities
- Different grant opportunities
- Streamlined review process
- Clearer evaluation criteria
- Better reviewer training
- Investment in higher risk research
- Promotion of translational research/clinical trials
- Lead the culture change in academic medicine



Rethinking the NIH grant

- R01, R21 and P01 or what?
- It is about IMPACT. It's all about IMPACT.
- Is there real and identifiable translation in the application?
- Develop a “rapid idea” grant mechanism to quickly test concepts. Short application with equally short review cycle.
- Limit the effort (inclusive of all combined NIH funding) of PI and Investigators to no more than 30%.
- Develop “term limits” on the number of times a grant can be renewed.
- Deliverables (contract) vs Aims (grant)
- Reward success with limited term “add-on” funding



Today's Review Process

What's good:

- Bulleted strengths and weaknesses
- Availability to read reviewer critiques
- Excellent NIH program officers and staff
- In-person Study Section review sessions

What's not so good:

- Over emphasis on approach
- The Big Picture is lost
- Too many critiques per reviewer
- Inconsistency between reviewers
- Critiques highly variable and often provide minimal feedback
- Preliminary data interpreted to mean research nearly completed
- Too few submission deadlines
- Translational research not valued by study sections
- Critiques provide minimal feedback to reviewers
- Inconsistent scoring

Tomorrow's Review Process

- Timing: Continuous review cycle with manuscript like evaluation
- 2-Step process: Develop a short submission application with invitation to proceed to a full application based on ideas and concepts
- Applicant Feedback: Provide almost immediate feedback
- Risk: Truly endorse new ideas and high risk applications
- Reviewer Feedback: Continuously critique reviewers and provide constructive criticism
- Workshops: Mandatory participation by reviewers to improve critiques and feedback to applicants
- Workload: Reduce grant review workload
- Scoring: Better guidance on review criteria

Evaluation Criteria

- Provide more explicit guidance to reviewers
- Provide examples of excellent applications and poor applications
- Develop clear metrics for success as part of RFAs to assist reviewers in evaluating applications
- Improve evaluation guidance with specific criteria to improve consistency of scoring
- Provide weighting criteria for elements of the review to improve uniformity
- Emphasize Impact and the Big Picture
- Stress Innovation that can lead to economic development and commercialization
- Identify Translation aspects of proposal



Summary

- Current process is neither sustainable nor consistent
- Significant changes are needed
- Many good options exist
- Changes can be accomplished quickly and phased in over time
- NIH must take initiative to change the culture



NIH Scientific Management Review Board

Working Group on Pre-college Engagement in Biomedical Science

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

JULY 7, 2014

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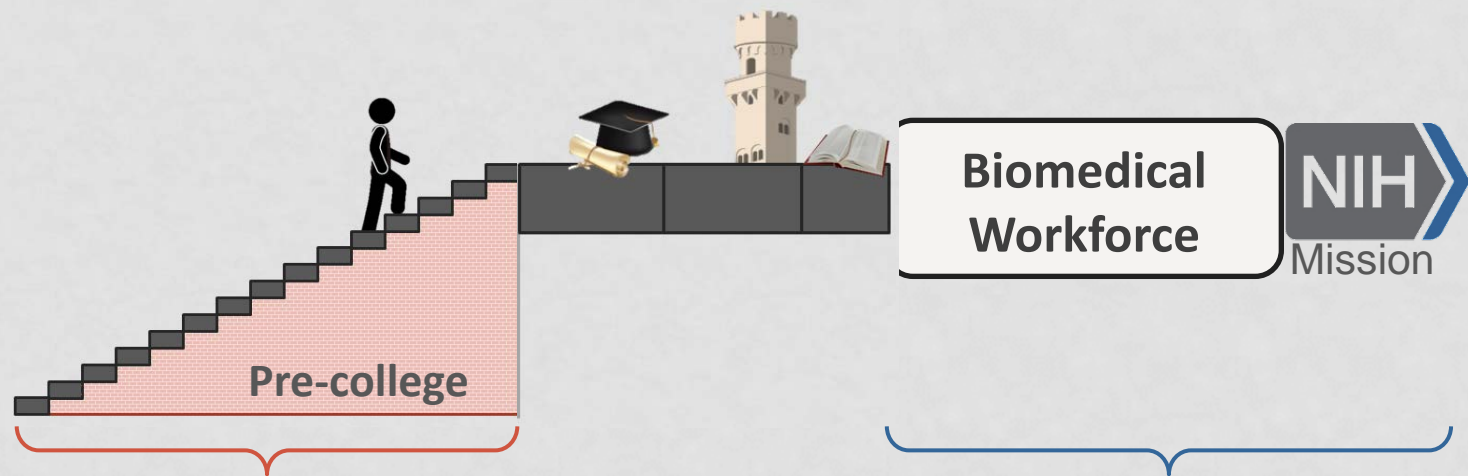
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CHARGE

To recommend ways to optimize NIH's pre-college programs and initiatives that both align with the NIH mission and ensure a continued pipeline of biomedical science students and professionals



Focus of recommendations:
NIH's pre-college activities

Ultimate goal of recommendations:
strengthen workforce, further NIH mission

NIH MISSION: GOALS OF THE AGENCY

- Foster fundamental creative discoveries, innovative research strategies, and their applications as a basis for ultimately protecting and improving health
- **Develop, maintain, and renew scientific human and physical resources that will ensure the Nation's capability to prevent disease**
- **Expand the knowledge base in medical and associated sciences in order to enhance the Nation's economic well-being and ensure a continued high return on the public investment in research**
- Exemplify and promote the highest level of scientific integrity, public accountability, and social responsibility in the conduct of science

BIOMEDICAL WORKFORCE

Preliminary findings:

- The evolution of biomedical research produces new job categories and opportunities for young people to bring new capabilities for emerging areas of research. This puts a premium on teaching and learning experiences that recognize and anticipate these changes
- The number and quality of individuals going into biomedical research appear to be adequate, but the diversity of the workforce needs improvement
- Some groups are underrepresented in the biomedical workforce and in positions of leadership
- Gender, race/ethnicity, and SES show clear gaps

BIOMEDICAL WORKFORCE *(CONT.)*

Preliminary finding:

- Current conceptualization of the workforce is too narrow

Biomedical Workforce

Principal investigator

Clinician scientist

Postdoctoral researcher

vs.

Biomedical Workforce*

Tech transfer officer

Science teacher

Clinical trial coordinator

Veterinarian

Journal editor

Pharmaceutical manufacturer

Clinical nurse

Staff scientist

Statistician

Clinician

Principal investigator

Clinician scientist

Postdoctoral researcher

Science policy analyst

X-ray technician

Grant manager

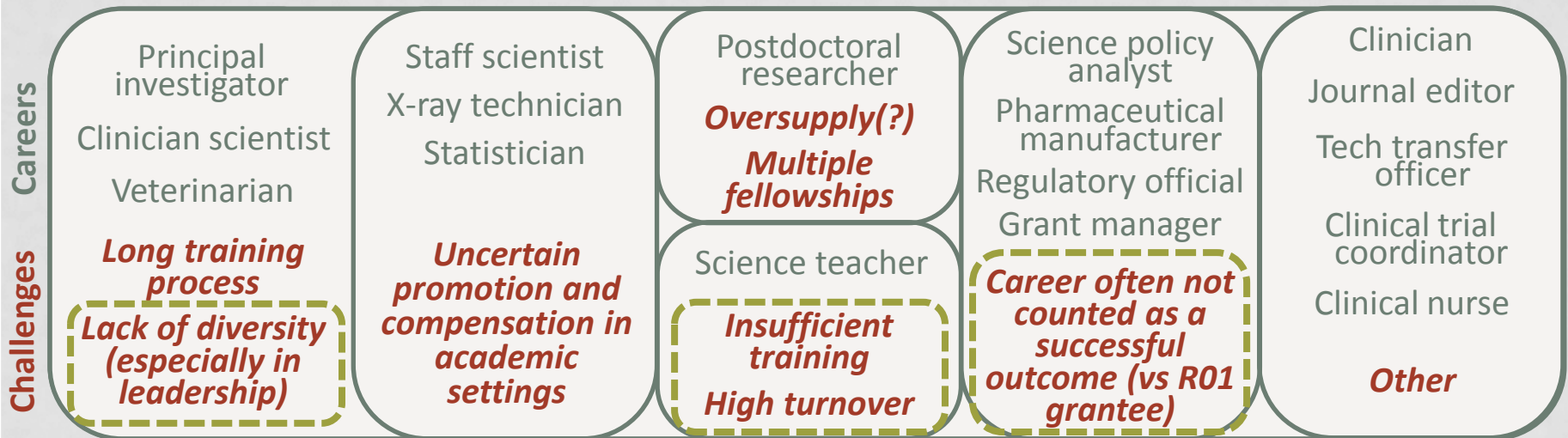
Regulatory official

*For a list of fields of study, see <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2012/nsf12599/nsf12599.htm#appendix>

BIOMEDICAL WORKFORCE *(CONT.)*

Preliminary findings:

- Some workforce challenges can be addressed through pre-college activities (*see circled challenges*)



- Other workforce-related challenges include:
 - Student preparedness for college coursework
 - Student access to educational and career opportunities
 - Perception of the scientific workforce as being solely academic

BIOMEDICAL WORKFORCE *(CONT.)*

Topics/perspectives for further study:

- Skills and training high school graduates need in order to succeed in post-secondary and graduate biomedical science programs and the biomedical workforce
- Analysis of the racial/ethnic/gender makeup of biomedical workforce in particular fields and in positions of leadership in the context of national demographics
- Approaches to engaging graduate students and post-docs in informal science teaching/learning settings and identifying science teaching as an attractive career option
- Identify the types of jobs that should be considered successful outcomes of NIH-funded training and outreach

ELEMENTS OF THE CHARGE

1. Examine the evidence base for successful approaches for pre-college biomedical science programs aimed at strengthening the biomedical workforce pipeline
2. Identify the attributes, activities, and components of effective pre-college biomedical science programs, including the role and relative importance of teacher training programs
3. Identify those points in the pre-college biomedical workforce pipeline where NIH's efforts could be applied most effectively, given finite resources
4. Define ways for NIH to improve the evidence base for effective pre-college biomedical science programs

Next: preliminary findings and data needs for each element

CHARGE ELEMENT 1: SUCCESSFUL APPROACHES

“Examine the evidence base for successful approaches for pre-college biomedical science programs aimed at strengthening the biomedical workforce pipeline.”

Preliminary findings:

- It is helpful to expose students to positive science environments, provide science education outside of the classroom, and link learning to career opportunities
- Pre-college curricula tend to focus on general science (not biomedical science), although high school biology is commonly taken
- Human biology and biomedical research should be a greater part of the high school biology course/curriculum
- There is a need to engage and retain students from underrepresented minority populations, and improve access to educational and career opportunities

CHARGE ELEMENT 1: SUCCESSFUL APPROACHES *(CONT.)*

Topics/perspectives for further study:

- 2011 NRC report on “Successful K-12 STEM Education: Identifying Effective Approaches in STEM”
(http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13158)
- Insights from experts in pre-college science education; areas could include curriculum, teacher training, and education theory
- Identify ways to evaluate the effectiveness of educational and outreach approaches

CHARGE ELEMENT 2: ATTRIBUTES OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

“Identify the attributes, activities, and components of effective pre-college biomedical science programs, including the role and relative importance of teacher training programs.”

Preliminary findings:

- Some programs have proven effective at raising the skill-level and effectiveness of science teachers but are often too costly to scale up
- The most effective programs are sustainable and scalable
- Effective programs improve teaching, equip students with necessary skills, engage students, and/or give students greater access to biomedical science learning opportunities

CHARGE ELEMENT 2: ATTRIBUTES OF EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS *(CONT.)*

Preliminary findings:

- Improvements are needed in science teacher preparedness and retention, with an emphasis on elementary and middle school teachers, especially those teaching lower income populations
 - Science teachers receiving <6 hours of subject-specific professional development in the past three years: elementary = 65%, middle school = 30%, and HS = 23%
 - Science teacher turnover rates are very high

Topics/perspectives for further study:

- Experience of institutions that fund pre-college engagement programs
- Insights from experts in pre-college science education; areas could include curriculum, teacher training, education theory
- Review successful pre-college programs (e.g., Stanford Medical Youth Science Program)
- Identify ways to evaluate the effectiveness of programs

CHARGE ELEMENT 3: OPTIMAL USE OF NIH RESOURCES

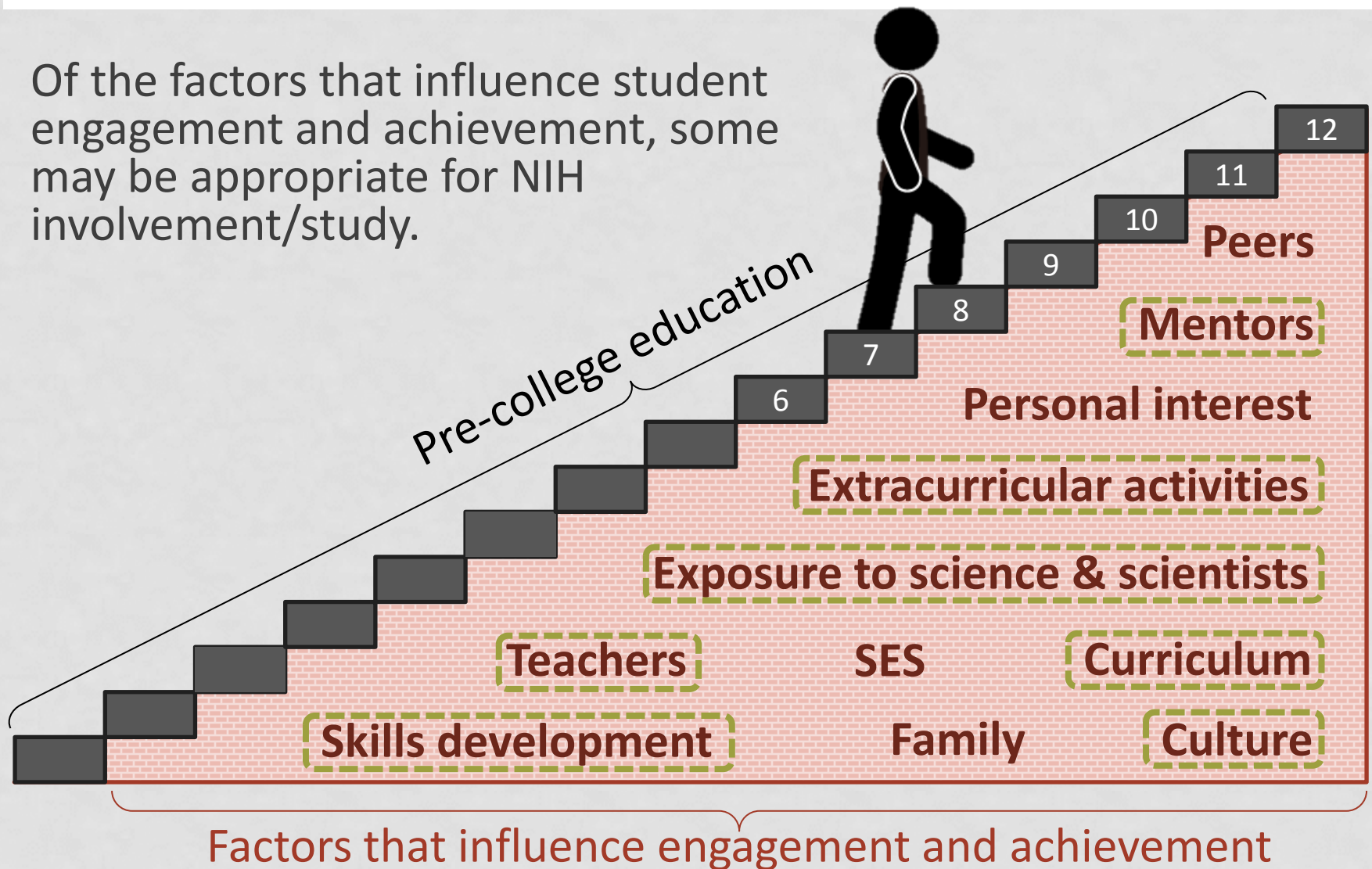
“Identify those points in the pre-college biomedical workforce pipeline where NIH's efforts could be applied most effectively, given finite resources.”

Preliminary findings:

- Potential targets for NIH activities include students, teachers, parents, schools, communities, and curriculum, as well as NIH-funded trainees, researchers, and others interested in teaching or mentoring pre-college students
- Leveraging NIH's existing network of funded research centers would be a more cost-efficient way to support pre-college outreach (especially to underrepresented groups) than generating a new office or program
- NIH could partner with other agencies and organizations that already engage or study pre-college students (e.g., Department of Education, NAS, NSF, Next Generation Science Standards)
- SMRB should develop short-, medium-, and long-term steps NIH can take to improve pre-college engagement in biomedical science

CHARGE ELEMENT 3: OPTIMAL USE OF NIH RESOURCES *(CONT.)*

Of the factors that influence student engagement and achievement, some may be appropriate for NIH involvement/study.



CHARGE ELEMENT 3: OPTIMAL USE OF NIH RESOURCES *(CONT.)*

Topics/perspectives for further study:

- Review of pre-college engagement programs supported by NIH (e.g., BUILD, Summer Internship Program, NIH Institute and Center activities)
- Curriculum development and Next Generation Science Standards
- Resources and logistics needed to operate programs like Stanford Medical Youth Science Program
- Willingness of NIH grantee institutions to engage and mentor pre-college students
- Forming partnerships with non-academic partners in pre-college outreach efforts
- Social and cultural factors that contribute to interest and achievement in science across gender and racial/ethnic groups

CHARGE ELEMENT 4: IMPROVEMENTS TO EVIDENCE BASE

“Define ways for NIH to improve the evidence base for effective pre-college biomedical science programs.”

Preliminary findings:

- There may be opportunities for NIH to partner with NSF and others to collect data that will be useful for biomedical workforce analysis
- NIH’s Science Education Partnership Awards (SEPA) Program plans to introduce an evaluation component for new awards
- NIH-funded basic research could increase understanding of the learning process

Topics/perspectives for further study:

- Potential partnership with NSF Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (<http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/>) to collect biomedical-specific data
- Basic research findings regarding child development and learning

NEXT STEPS

- **July 7–8 SMRB stakeholder meeting**
 - Receive input from experts and stakeholders in pre-college engagement
- **Summer Working Group activities**
 - Briefings from experts and stakeholders (e.g., SEPA awardees, NIH and IC program staff, education evaluators)
 - Develop and announce initial findings and recommendations; draft report
- **October 14 SMRB stakeholder meeting**
- **Fall Working Group activities**
 - Refine report
- **December 15 SMRB meeting/teleconference**
 - Discussion of PEBS findings and recommendations

JULY 7 SMRB MEETING AGENDA

- **Optimizing NIH Efforts to Engage Pre-college Students in Biomedical Science**
 - **James M. Anderson**, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, National Institutes of Health
- **Panel I: Perspective of Science Teachers**
 - **Steven Ahn**, High School Science Teacher, Abingdon High School, Abingdon, Virginia
 - **Megan Fisk**, High School Science Teacher, Eastern High School, St. Michaels, Washington, DC
 - **Lola Odukoya**, Middle School Science Teacher, Langdon Education Campus, Washington, DC
- **Panel II: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Pre-college Engagement in Biomedical Science**
 - **Matthew Z. Anderson**, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology Department, Brown University
 - **Catherine Riegler-Crumb**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, University of Texas at Austin
 - **Allison Scott**, Ph.D., Director of Research and Evaluation, Level Playing Field Institute

JULY 7 SMRB MEETING AGENDA *(CONT.)*

- **Panel III: Science Standards, Curriculum Development, and Teacher Training**
 - **Talia Milgrom-Elcott**, J.D., Program Officer in Urban Education and Senior Manager of STEM Teacher Initiatives at Carnegie Corporation, and Co-Founder and Lead of 100Kin10
 - **Stephen L. Pruitt**, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Content, Research & Development, Achieve, Inc.
 - **Brian J. Reiser**, Ph.D., Professor of Learning Sciences, School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University
- **Panel IV: Science Outreach Programs Supported by Private and Nonprofit Institutions**
 - **Terri M. Taylor**, Assistant Director for K-12 Education, Education Division, American Chemical Society
 - **Jean Lim Terra**, President, Amgen Foundation, Amgen, Inc.
 - **Claus von Zastrow**, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer and Director of Research, Change the Equation

The Nuts and Bolts of the NIH Grants Process



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Grants Process Overview

Planning, Writing, & Submitting

- Applicant often begins writing application several months prior to application due date
- Applicant organization submits most applications to NIH through the Federal portal, Grants.gov

Receipt & Referral (Months 1-3)

- Applications compliant with NIH policies are assigned for review by the Division of Receipt and Referral in the Center of Scientific Review
- CSR assigns application to an NIH Institute/Center (IC) and a Scientific Review Group (SRG)

Peer Review (Months 4-8)

- Initial level of review by SRG members for scientific merit
- Impact scores & summary statement available to Principal Investigator on eRA Commons
- Second level of review by advisory council/board

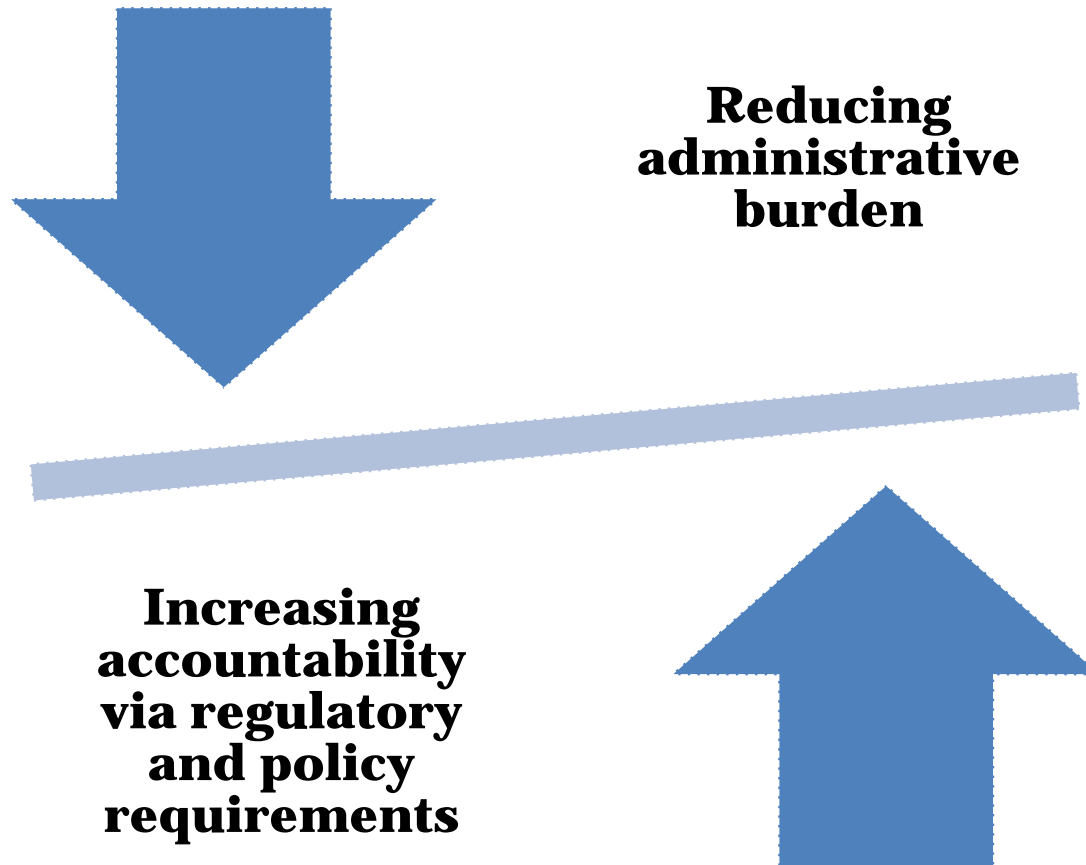
Award (Months 9-10)

- Pre-award process: IC grants management staff conducts final administrative review and negotiates award
- NIH IC director makes funding decision. IC staff issues and sends Notice of award to applicant institution/organization

Post-Award Management (ongoing)

- Conduct of research
- Administrative and fiscal monitoring, reporting, and compliance.

A delicate balance....



Planning, Writing, & Submitting

The investigator, in collaboration with his/her institution:

- Develops a research idea
 - Should be important (have high impact)
 - Needs to align with an IC mission
- Identifies a funding opportunity
 - FOA may be specific to a research area or a “parent” announcement.
- Talks with NIH staff about the idea and where it fits
- Writes a strong proposal that addresses review criteria



Planning, Writing, & Submitting

Institution registration requirements:

- **Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS):** an identifier that government vendors need to register their organization in the System for Award Management (SAM) so they can apply for a federal grant.
- **SAM:** consolidates Federal procurement systems and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. SAM registration is necessary to submit applications to Grants.gov.
- **Grants.gov:** a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities.
- **eRA Commons:** provides applicants, grantees and federal staff the tools necessary for electronic processing of grants.



Planning, Writing, & Submitting



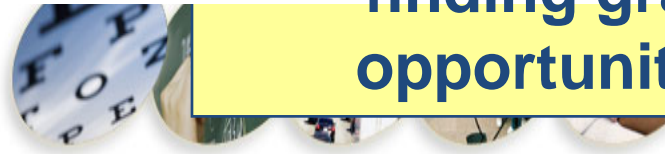
- Investigators should work with their institution's office of sponsored research to be sure they are registered and their account is affiliated with their institution BEFORE they apply.
- 2 weeks lead time – PI registration in eRA Commons
- 6-8 weeks – All institutional registrations and renewals



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Funding Opportunities

- Advertised through
 - Grants.gov
 - NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts
- Issued by
 - Each IC
 - “Parent” announcements span the breadth of the NIH mission, include many ICs



Types of Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA)

Type of FOA	Description
Program Announcements (PA, PAR, PAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlights areas of focus• Usually ongoing (3 yrs)• Often use standard receipt dates
Requests for Applications (RFA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrowly defined scope• Usually single receipt date• Set aside funds• IC usually convenes review panel
Parent Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type of program announcement• Generally span the breadth of NIH mission• By activity code (R01, R03, etc)• For “investigator initiated” or “unsolicited” research ideas

Application Due Dates

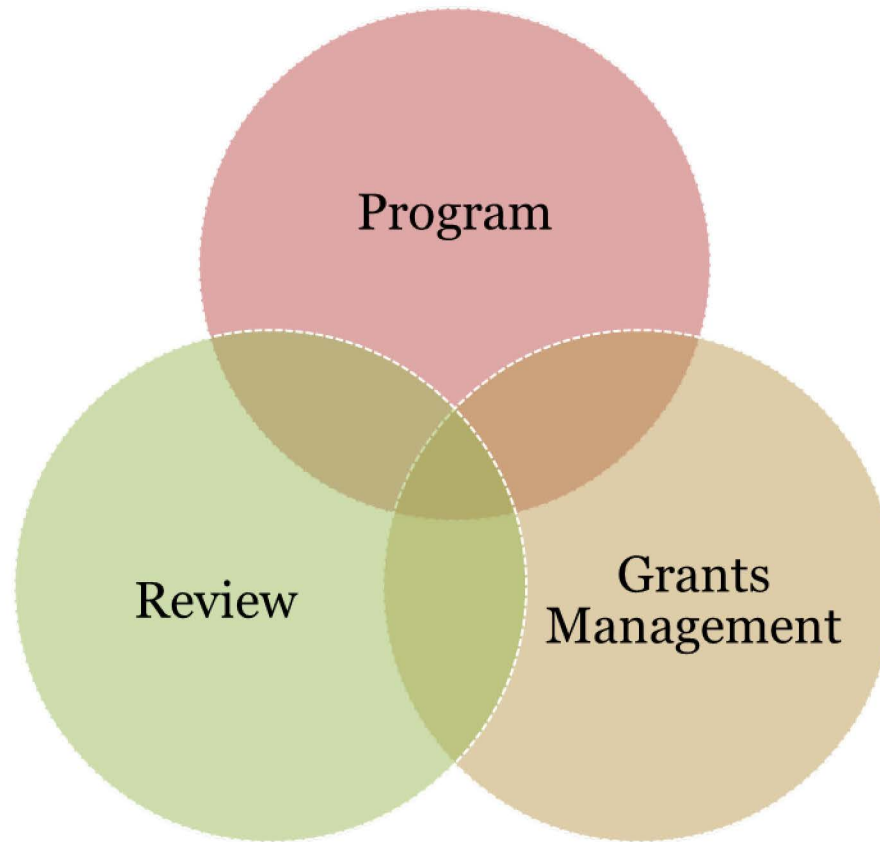
3 standard receipt dates a year.

Activity Codes	Program Description	Application Form	Cycle I Due Date	Cycle II Due Date	Cycle III Due Date
P Series <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Program Project Grants and Center Grants Standard receipt dates for each type of grant cycles. Transition to SF424 (R&R): On Hold	PHS 398	January 25	May 25	September 25
R18/U18 R25 <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Research Demonstration Education Projects	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25
T Series D Series <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	Institutional National Research Service Awards Other Training Grants NOTE: Applicants should submit applications for Institutional or Center (IC) series applications for each cycle. Applicants should contact the NRSA T32 program. Contacts for information for each IC's scientific research	SF424 (R&R)	January 25	May 25	September 25

Scroll further on page for timelines for each "round"



Understanding the NIH Extramural Team



Program Official

- Responsible for the programmatic, scientific, and/or technical aspects of a grant
- Provides scientific guidance to investigators pre- and post-award
- Develops initiatives
- Provides post-award oversight



Scientific Review Officer

- Responsible for scientific and technical review
 - Ensures fair and unbiased evaluation of scientific and technical merit
 - Provides a summary of the evaluation
 - Reviews applications for completeness and conformance with application requirements
- Point of contact for applicants during the review process



Grants Management Officer

Responsible for completion of business management requirements

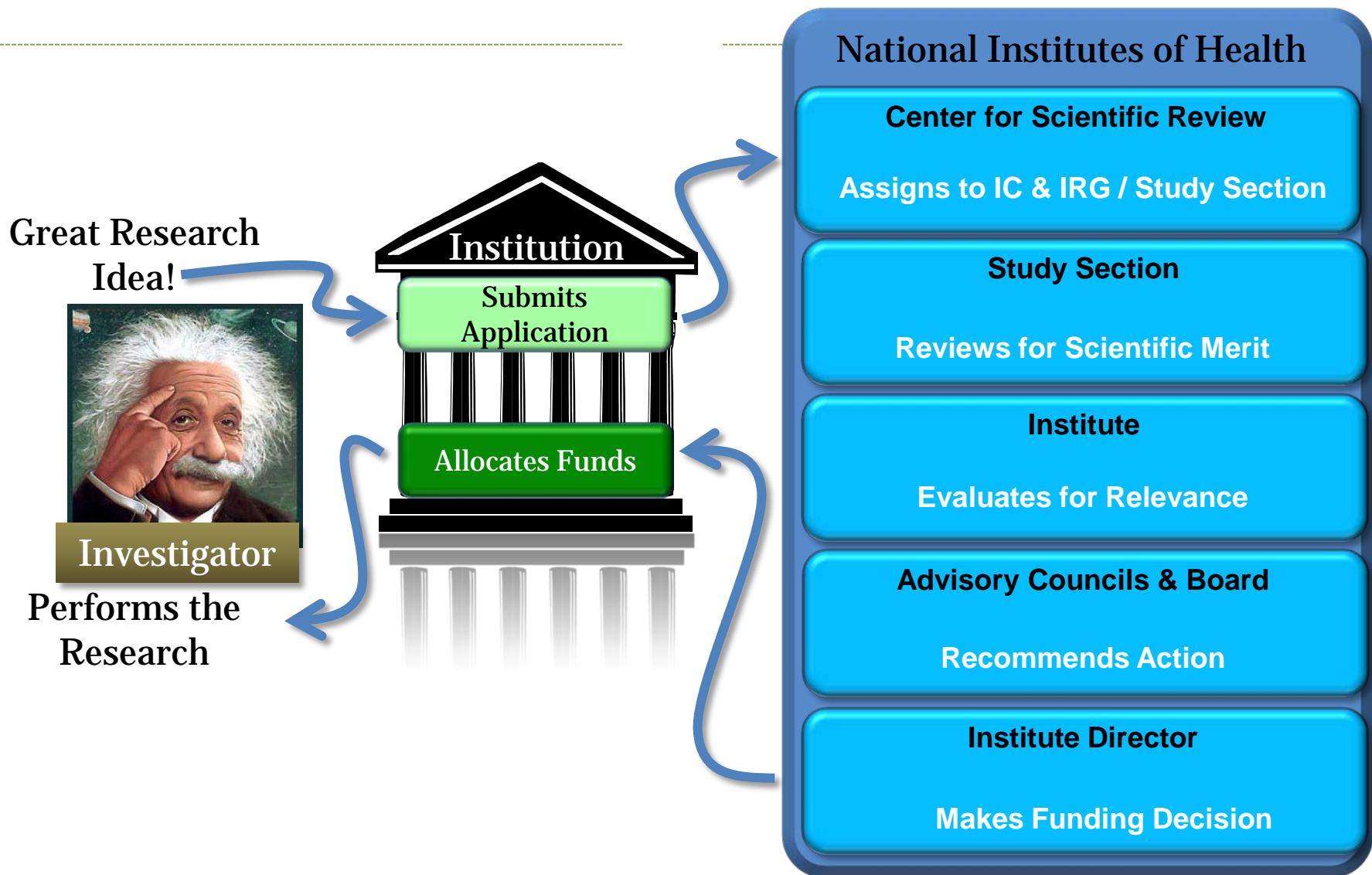
- Evaluates applications for administrative content and compliance with policy
- Negotiates Awards
- Interprets grants administration policies





How Long Does It Take to Get
Funded?

How does a grant get funded?



Review dates and
earliest start date by
submission round

Review and Award Cycles

	Cycle I	Cycle II	Cycle III
Scientific Merit Review	June - July	October - November	February - March
Advisory Council Round	August or October *	January	May
Earliest Project Start Date	September or December	April	July

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Award Process

- All pre-award issues must be resolved
 - Program and grants management review for scientific or budgetary overlap
 - Budget negotiation
 - Determination of Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs
 - Certification of education on human subjects
 - Animals & human subject protection issues
 - Other support documentation
- Application to award takes ~9-10 months



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& conditions

What Can Delay the Award Process?

- Late submission of the progress report
- Inadequate description of progress
- Missing information for Key Personnel
- Out-of-date IRB/IACUC approvals
- Lack of population data for clinical trials
- Budgets with inadequate justification
- Other Support for an individual that exceeds 12 CM (100%)

Notice of Award (NoA)

- **Legally binding document**
 - Award data and fiscal information
 - Grant payment info
 - Terms and conditions of award
- Grantee accepts terms and conditions of award when drawing down funds from the Payment Management System



Accessing the Funds

- Generally centralized through the Payment Management System
(<http://www.dpm.psc.gov/>)
- Applicant organizations are required to have financial systems in place to monitor their grant expenditures.
- The Grants Management Specialist reviews grantee cash expenditure reports to determine whether they indicate a pattern of accelerated or delayed expenditures.

Post Award Management

- Annual progress reporting
- Annual federal financial reporting
- Invention reporting
- Yearly audits (as applicable)
- Closeout reporting



Progress

RPPR

Easier effort reporting

SNAP

Automatic no cost extensions



Annual Progress Reports

- Progress reports are required at least annually as part of the non-competing continuation award process.
 - RPPR Required for: SNAP, Fellowship, Multi-Year Funded (ex. R15)
 - All others have the option of paper-submission utilizing the PHS 2590...for now
 - ✦ Anticipated to be required for all non-SNAP progress reports by October 2014
 - Further information:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/>

Financial Reporting

- **Federal Financial Report (FFR):** Annual FFR due 90 days after the end of calendar quarter in which the budget period end date falls
- **Final FFRs** - due 90 days after the project period end date
- **Annual and Final FFRs** reporting expenditure data must be submitted via the eRA Commons
- **Impact on future awards** – delinquent submission of the required FFR will most likely result in the holding of any future awards to support the particular project



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Any successful project requires planning. The Grants Process At-A-Glance Chart shows the submission through award and close out. Look to the related resources on each page for special guidance from NIH experts that can help make your understanding of the grants process and help you submit a successful grant application.

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Planning, Writing, Submitting

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Writing: Applicant often begins writing application several months prior to application due date.

Submitting: Applicant organization submits most applications to NIH through Federal portal, Grants.gov.

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Months 1-3

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Scientific Review Officer (SRO) assigns applications to review and readers.

Peer Review

Months 4-8

Initial Level of Review: SRG members review and evaluate applications for scientific merit.

Impact Scores: Available to Principal Investigator on eRA Commons.

Summary Statement: Available to Principal Investigator on eRA Commons.

Second Level of Review: Advisory council/board reviews applications.

Award

Months 9-10

Pre-Award Process: IC grants management staff conducts final administrative review and negotiates award.*

Notification of Award: NIH Institute/Center (IC) director makes funding decision. IC staff issues and sends Notice of Award (NoA) to applicant institution/organization.

Congratulations! Project period officially begins.

Questions?