

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH COMMON FORM

This Biographical Sketch Common Form provides instructions for submission of a biographical sketch by each individual identified as a [senior/key person](#) on a Federally funded research project. For NIH, these instructions also apply to all other individuals required to submit a biographical sketch. The biographical sketch is used to assess how well qualified the individual, team, or organization is to conduct the proposed activities.

Consistent with NSPM-33, individuals are required to disclose contracts associated with participation in programs sponsored by foreign governments, instrumentalities, or entities, including [foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs](#). Further, if individuals receive direct or indirect support that is funded by a foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, even where the support is provided through an intermediary and does not require membership in the foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, that support must be disclosed. Individuals must also report other foreign government sponsored or affiliated activities. In accordance with 42 USC § 19232, individuals are prohibited from being a party in a [malign foreign talent recruitment program](#).

A table entitled, *NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance Pre- and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support*¹ has been created to provide helpful reference information regarding pre-award and post-award disclosures. The table includes the types of activities to be reported, where such activities must be reported in the application, as well as when updates are required in the application and award lifecycle. A final column identifies activities that are not required to be reported.

Individuals are reminded **not to submit any personal information in the biographical sketch**. This includes items such as: home address; home telephone, fax, or cell phone numbers; home e-mail address; driver's license number; marital status; personal hobbies; and the like. Such personal information is not appropriate for the biographical sketch and is not relevant to the merits of the proposal. The Federal research funding agency is not responsible or in any way liable for the release of such material.

The format of the Biographical Sketch Common Form is provided below. For NIH, there is no page limit for the Biographical Sketch Common Form.

*** = required**

***Identifying Information**

***Name:** Enter the name of the senior/key person (Last Name, First Name, and Middle Name, including any applicable suffix).

***Persistent Identifier (PID) of the Senior/Key Person:** Enter the PID of the senior/key person. The PID is a unique, open digital identifier that distinguishes the individual from every other researcher with the same or a similar name. For NIH, the PID used must be an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) ID and must be linked to the individuals' eRA Commons Personal Profile.

¹ This table supersedes in its entirety, Table 2a and Paragraph 7 of the Disclosure Requirements and Standardization Section of the NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance.

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***Position Title:** Enter the current position title of the senior/key person.

***Organization and Location**

Name: Enter the name of the primary organization of the senior/key person.

Location: Enter the City, State/Province, and Country where the primary organization is located. If the State/Province is not applicable, enter N/A.

***Professional Preparation**

A list of the individual's professional preparation (e.g., education and training), listed in reverse chronological order by start date. Include all postdoctoral and fellowship training, as applicable, listing each separately. Also include the baccalaureate degree or other initial professional education.

For each entry provide:

- the name of the organization;
- the location of the organization: Enter the City, State/Province, and Country where the organization is located. If the State/Province is not applicable, enter N/A.
- the degree received (if applicable);
- the start date of the degree or fellowship program;
- the month and year the degree was received (or expected receipt date); and
- the field of study.

***Appointments and Positions**

A list, in reverse chronological order by start date, of all the individual's [academic](#), [professional](#), or [institutional](#) appointments and positions, beginning with the current appointment (including the associated organization and location). Appointments and positions include any titled academic, professional, or institutional position whether or not remuneration is received, and whether full-time, part-time, or voluntary (including adjunct, visiting, or honorary).

Senior/key persons must only identify all domestic and foreign professional appointments and positions outside of the primary organization for a period up to three years from the date the applicant submits the application to the agency for funding consideration.

For each entry provide:

Start date: YYYY

End date: YYYY

Appointment or Position Title:

Name of organization:

Department (if applicable):

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Location of organization: City, State/Province, Country

***Products**

Provide a list of: (i) up to five products closely related to the proposed project; and (ii) up to five other significant products that highlight the senior/key person's Contributions to Science. The NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement will provide the opportunity to describe these contributions in more depth while referencing the other significant products cited in this section.

It is up to the individual to determine how to best organize this listing to demonstrate their ability to carry out the project. Acceptable products must be citable and accessible including but not limited to:

- publications, conference papers, and presentations;
- website(s) or other Internet site(s);
- technologies or techniques;
- inventions, patents, patent applications, and/or licenses; and
- other products, such as data, databases, or datasets, physical collections, audio or video products, software, models, educational aids or curricula, instruments or equipment, research material, interventions (e.g., clinical or educational), or new business creation.

Note: Federal research funding agencies may elect to specify other types of products that may be relevant to the mission of the agency, as well as specify any limitations on the number of products that may be included in this section of the Biographical Sketch Common Form.

Each product must follow the [NIH Policy on Use of Hypertext in NIH Grant Applications](#) and include full citation information including:

- names of authors;
- product title;
- date of publication or release;
- website URL;
- other persistent identifier (if available); and
- other relevant citation information (e.g., in the case of publications, title of enclosing work such as journal or book, volume, issue, pages).

If any of the items specified above is not applicable, enter N/A.

Senior/key persons who wish to include publications in the products section of the biographical sketch that include multiple authors may, at their discretion, choose to list one or more of the authors and then "et al" in lieu of including the complete listing of authors' names.

***Certification**

Each senior/key person is required to complete the following certifications regarding the information provided in their Biographical Sketch:

I certify that the information provided is current, accurate, and complete. This includes but is not limited to information related to domestic and foreign appointments and positions.

I also certify that, at the time of submission, I am not a party to a [malign foreign talent recruitment program](#).

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Misrepresentations and/or omissions may be subject to prosecution and liability pursuant to, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1031 and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 and 3802.

Signature²:

Date:

Note: A Privacy Act and Burden Statement must appear on the Biographical Sketch Common Form. Each Federal research funding agency that elects to use these forms must replace the following language and incorporate their specific System of Records Notice in their PRA common forms request submitted to OMB/OIRA for clearance.

***Privacy Act and Burden Statement:**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average two hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. **An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.** Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to:

NIH, Project Clearance Branch
ATTN: PRA (3145-0279)
6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7974
Bethesda, MD 20892-7974

Do not return the completed form to this address.

²To be acceptable to the Federal research funding agency, the date of the signature must be within the past 12 months from when the document is submitted to the Federal research funding agency.

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