What is a PCORI Biosketch?

* A biosketch is used to highlight each individual's qualifications for a specific role in a proposed project. PCORI requires a biosketch for senior/key persons applying for or renewing PCORI grants.

**What is the PCORI Biosketch Format?**

A Profile/Biosketch (limit five pages each) must include the person’s name, title, degrees, and the following information, where relevant:

* Personal statement
* Education and training
* Employment and positions held
* Honors
* Selected peer-reviewed publications and other publications
* Public speaking or presentations
* Research support

**Who needs to have a Profile/Biosketch?**  
Any individual contributing to the project in any substantive way is expected to have a complete Professional Profile/Biosketch. The profiles/biosketches must include patients and stakeholders involved as well. PCORI recognizes that not all sections of a Professional Profile/Biosketch will be applicable to patient and stakeholder members of the research team; therefore, applicants are encouraged to fill out the Patient/Partner Biosketch instead.

**Are biosketches required for patient and other stakeholder partners?**  
Biosketches are required for all key personnel, whether they are researchers, patients, or other stakeholders. Patient partners have a wealth of experience and wisdom, and we would like them to have an opportunity to provide that background, just as researchers or other stakeholders do. Please use the PCORI biosketch template developed specifically for patient and stakeholder partners.

**If a project team member has a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Biosketch, can he or she use this as his or her PCORI Professional Profile?**  
Yes, you may use a current NIH Biosketch as a professional profile instead of the PCORI Professional Profile, but it must not exceed five pages.

Visit [**Frequently Asked Questions about PCORI biosketches**](https://www.pcori.org/sites/default/files/PCORI-2021-Cycle-1-PCS-Submission-Instructions.pdf) for more information.