**What is an NIH Biosketch?**

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

**What is the NIH Biosketch Format?**

* The[**new NIH Biosketch format started on May 25, 2015**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-032.html).
* Biosketches are limited to 5 pages.
* The [Contributions to Science section](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK154494/#sciencv.Contribution_to_Science) can include up to four peer-reviewed publications for each contribution.
* Applicants can include a link to a [full list of their published work](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK154494/#sciencv.Publications) as found in a "publicly available digital database" such as [My Bibliography](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK53595/).

**Anyone can use** [**SciENcv**](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/) **to create and store multiple versions of biosketches.**

My Bibliography and SciENcv can both be found in your [**My NCBI account**](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK3842/).

Visit [**Frequently Asked Questions about NIH biosketches**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/faq_biosketches.htm) for more information.

**Biosketch Instructions and Samples:**

* [General Biosketch Example](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm)
* [For Senior/Key Personnel and other Significant Contributers](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424R-R_biosketchsample_VerC.docx)
* [For Pre-doctoral Fellowships](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/predocfellowbiosketchsample.docx)
* [For Post-Doctoral Fellowships](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/postdocfellowbiosketchsample.docx)

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