

NIH Institutional Support: Use Your Environmental Section to Convince Reviewers

The revised NIH grant application form now demands specific information regarding how your environment uniquely contributes to your research's success. This new requirement — one of the five key criteria the agency scrutinizes as part of the review process — is both an opportunity and a challenge.

This uniquely focused webinar will review the specific information NIH expects and how reviewers process it. It will also give you hints and strategies for using this section to further set your application apart and enhance your chances of success.

Key Webinar Take-Aways:

- ✓ Highlight what is important and unique about your research
- ✓ Succinctly differentiate your environment from your competitors'
- ✓ Demonstrate institutional commitment, particularly for Early Stage Investigators
- ✓ Describe your environment and equipment in an engaging way to keep the reader's interest
- ✓ Express independence, if an Early Stage or New Investigator
- ✓ Avoiding pitfalls: What to include and what to omit

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