

COUNCIL OF COUNCILS

Council Operating Procedures
Review, Discussion, and Vote

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Proposed Revision: Quorum

Proposed modification to Section I (page 1)

Add a definition of Quorum

A quorum is the minimum number of voting members who must be present at a properly convened meeting to conduct business. A quorum consists of one more than half of the voting members who are present at a meeting.

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Proposed Revision: Alignment

Proposed edit to full document: pages 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10

Grammatical/copy edits for consistency

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The Council provides second-level review of:

- ~~all~~ grant and cooperative agreement applications assigned to the Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP); ~~grant and cooperative agreement applications assigned to as appropriate to programmatic requirements and priorities for to~~ the Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program, and the *All of Us*℠ Research Program; and

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Council members serve as a national resource that advise ~~the~~ NIH in the development and recommendation of DPCPSI policies and research priorities. On occasion, special working groups of the Council are formed to examine and address critical scientific or policy issues of importance to DPCPSI and ~~the~~ NIH.

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Proposed Revision: Alignment con't.

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Reorganizing and alphabetizing the DPCPSI offices for consistency

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It also provides review of other requests for support for which Council recommendations are required by law. Further, the Council reviews and provides clearance for concepts for ~~ORIP, CF, ECHO, OBSSR, ODSS, ODS, ONR, NIH Lasker Clinical Research Scholars, and~~ *All of Us* Research Program, CF, ECHO, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), Office of Data Science Strategy (ODSS), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), Office of Nutrition Research (ONR), ORIP, and NIH Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program initiatives.

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Proposed Revision: Applications from Foreign Institutions

Suggested modification to Section II, subsection B1 (page 2)

B. Applications from Foreign Institutions ~~and/or Domestic Applications with Foreign Projects~~ (NOT-OD-25-104, NOT-OD-25-130, and NOT-OD-25-155)

In reviewing and making recommendations on applications from foreign institutions ~~and/or domestic applications with foreign projects~~, Council members should be aware that ALL of the following criteria must be met in order for an ~~foreign~~ award from a foreign institution to be supported by the NIH:

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Proposed Revision: Applications from Foreign Institutions con't.

Suggested modification to Section II, subsection B1e (page 3)

e. Applications from foreign prime institutions may no longer allow foreign subawards ~~and/or domestic applications with foreign projects may be awarded only after assurance that the foreign entity is aware of and willing to abide by all requirements in NOT-OD-23-133 (effective October 1, 2023)~~.

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Proposed new text to Section II, subsection B1f (page 3)

f. NIH continues to support scientifically justified international research collaborations; however, foreign subawards under the traditional consortium structure are no longer permitted. For competing applications requesting NIH funding for one or more foreign components, applicants must use a Notice of Funding Opportunity that supports the PF5/UF5 activity code or another complex mechanism that includes an International Project component. If selected for funding, foreign components are issued as distinct, linked awards to the foreign organizations, enabling NIH to separately track funds while maintaining coordinated scientific oversight.

All PF5/UF5 applications are presented to the relevant National Advisory Council or Board for review, consistent with NIH procedures for applications from foreign organizations. For applications submitted and projects active on or before May 1, 2025, NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices may use the transitional options described in NOT-OD-25-130, including restructuring eligible foreign activities as separate administrative supplements, moving activities domestically, removing the foreign scope, or negotiating bilateral termination, as appropriate.

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Proposed Revision: General Principles for Concept Review that may lead to Notices of Funding Opportunities

Suggested modification to Section III, subsection A1 (page 9)

~~Council concept reviews for funding opportunities that are communicated through a Guide Notice or Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) under an existing NOFO only apply to Guide Notices or NOSIs[K[6.1] that have specific set aside funds identified for the intended purpose~~

Concept clearance is required for Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) that are published in the NIH Guide or in SAM.gov. However, for programs that are mandated by law, Council concept clearance is not required; instead, an informational presentation will be provided to the Council.

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Proposed Revision: Authorities Delegated to Staff

Suggested modification to Section IV, subsection C3 (page 12)

Council review is required for additional funds to ORIP grants in the following situation:

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~~3. Under the 2020 coronavirus pandemic emergency causing COVID-19, the Council delegates to DPCPSI actions to provide additional funds to noncompeting applications when well justified and when DPCPSI or other NIH resources are available.~~

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Discussion and Vote

- Vote to approve the proposed revisions to the Council Operating Procedures