

INTERNAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF EXTRAMURAL GRANT APPLICATION

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide help for the MUSC investigators who are submitting extramural grant applications.
- To increase the quality of the extramural grant application submissions and success of getting them funded.
Please note that SCTR is not liable if your application is not funded.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Internal SCTR/MUSC Review*
** SCTR will make decisions if an application should be sent out for an external expert review in case of limited or no relevant expertise within SCTR/MUSC.*
- NIH K-series, R-series, P-series, U-series, NSF applications
- The application must be submitted to SCTR at least 6 weeks prior to the time it has to be submitted to MUSC Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).
- Applicants should submit:
 - An application as requested by the appropriate funding agency via the SCTR Application System.
 - Applications should have the following Components as requested by the funding agency:
 - Project Description page
 - Research Proposal* – Including the Specific Aims page and Research Strategy
 - Literature Citations
 - Biosketches of all team members
 - Funding agency's FOA/RFA, as applicable
 - Potential date of submission to the funding agency
** If the PI is an Early Career (EC) applicant, the required components for the EC should also be submitted.*
 - If the application is a resubmission, Summary Statements and Introduction to Resubmission are required.
 - Funding agency's FOA/RFA, if applicable
 - Potential date of submission to the funding agency
- Once an application is submitted, the applicant SHOULD notify Dayan Ranwala via email. This is in order to properly process your application for review.
- Allow at least 2 weeks for the SCTR review.
- SCTR will provide one to two peer-review critiques similar to the NIH reviews and biostatistics comments to the applicants.
- If there are no major review critiques to be addressed, applicants will be informed to proceed with the application as appropriate.
- SCTR will pay the internal reviewer \$200, as a payment to the reviewer's F&A account, upon receipt of the critique.

FREE CONSULTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT:

The following free consultations are available from the SCTR Institute to help strengthen your pilot project (and other) applications. Visit <http://sparc.musc.edu> to view consult descriptions and request those of interest:

- Science Consults
- Biostatistics, Design & Epidemiology
- Via SCTR SUCCESS Center: Grant Forms & Budget Services, Regulatory Services, Recruitment Services, Research Navigation Services and Special Populations Navigation
- Community Engagement & Research
- Comparative Effectiveness and Data Analytics Research Resource (CEDAR)
- Nexus Research Coordination and Management
- Self-service Research Data & Feasibility
- Mobile Health and TACHL Center
- Research Data Requests
- Biomedical Informatics Center
- Intellectual Property and Commercialization Resources
- [Palmetto Profiles webpage](#) at is a great resource for finding collaborators.

OUTCOME OF THE SCTR REVIEW ASSISTANCE:

SCTR would like to know the outcome of the Review Assistance services provided to the applicants such as below. SCTR will send a REDCap Survey to the applicants to fill in the outcome data.

- The application status - submitted/pending funding/funding received etc.
- At 6 months and 12 months after submitting to the funding agency to receive an update about funding status/get funded/resubmitted etc.

SCTR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

If you have received any SCTR services, funding and/or support, please remember to acknowledge the NIH/NCATS SCTR Grant Number **UL1 TR001450**.

OTHER USEFUL RESOURCES:

[MUSC OFFICE OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT \(ORD\) RESOURCES](#)

[MUSC OFFICE OF RESEARCH & SPONSORED \(ORSP\) PROGRAMS RESOURCES](#)