

# SciENCv NIH Biosketch Common Form Guidance and Demo

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# GOAL

**Demo the SciENCv NIH Biosketch Common Form and Supplement while providing key guidance and technical tips**

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### SciENCv

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1/11/26	<a href="#">New Biosketch</a>	NIH Biographical Sketch Common Form	
1/8/26	<a href="#">New OS Common Form</a>	NIH Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form	
1/8/26	<a href="#">OS from scratch</a>	NIH Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form	

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Three Choices

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# Demo and Guidance

1. Review and Edit Sections
  - A. Professional Preparation
  - B. Appointments and Positions
  - C. Products

## Supplement

- A. Personal Statement
- B. Honors
- C. Contributions to Science

2. Investigator certifies by clicking on “Download PDF.”

# Demos Time Permitting

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Sample Biosketch Sept 9 2025

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# Date of Use – Competitive Applications

## **Competitive Application submissions with due dates on or after January 25, 2026**

Even if you submit before January 25, you are still required to use the new biosketch if the official deadline is on or after January the 25<sup>th</sup>.

In the uncommon circumstance when a biosketch is required because you are adding a new senior/key personnel to an already existing application, please see instructions on the following slide.

We will also review the small period of leniency for training and center grants.

Adapted from: [NOT-OD-26-018: NIHs Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support for Due Dates on or after 1/25/2026](#)

# Up Until When Can I Use My Current Biosketch?

- **Competitive Application submissions** with **due dates** BEFORE January 25, 2026  
Must use current biosketch version. See [NOT-OD-26-018](#).
- **For Just in Time (JIT), Prior Approval Request, and Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) for Submissions on or after January 25, 2026**

**Please submit to the GCO BEFORE January 19th, 2026 so that GCO is able to submit by January 24th.** This due date is right around the corner ...

Otherwise, you will need to use the New SciENCv NIH Biosketch Common Form and Supplement

# Biosketches in Training and Center Grants

- ^ 5. Will my Training or Center Grant application submitted for the January 25, 2026 due date be withdrawn if it does not use the Common Forms?

To allow for a small period of leniency given the size of Training and Center grant applications, NIH will withdraw any application that does not comply with the use of the Common Forms beginning with the February 5, 2026 standard application due date.



Training and center grants due 1/25/2026 will not be withdrawn for using either biosketch version.

Adapted from: NIH [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) | Grants & Funding](#)



# Biosketch Cut and Paste

**Can I take my Current Biosketch and Paste All of the Information into the New Form?**



No. While much information is the same or similar, the instructions are different and you will need to read them thoroughly to determine what to include.

# Single User Interface

SciENcv will be used to complete both the Biographical Sketch Common Form and the NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement forms in a single user interface.

There will be a **single** certification to certify both forms and a single PDF output containing both forms for application submission.

# Why is there a Biosketch Supplement?

This information is collected on the new NIH Biographical Sketch **Supplement** in accordance with NIH's Peer Review Regulations at [42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 52h](#). NIH plans to continue collecting three required agency specific data elements

- A. Personal Statement
- B. Honors
- C. Contributions to Science

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# New and Re-Conceptualized

*We will review the biosketch sections and note “may” versus “required” language.*

- ORCID ID requirement
- Character limits in Personal Statement and Contributions to Science (No page limits!)
- Education/Training folded into Professional Preparation - “(e.g., education and training)”
- Products – Citation of Publications/Products information was in the Personal Statement. It has its own separate Projects section in SciENCv Biosketch form.
- New Products section organized in two subsections
  - Products Closely Related to the Proposed Project
  - Other Significant Products Highlighting Contributions to Science
- Increase to **five** publications/products
  - Placement in the “Products Closely Related to the Proposed Project”
- Supplement > Honors section - limited to no more than 15 entries
- Supplement > Contributions to Science section
  - Provides the opportunity to describe contributions in more depth while referencing the other significant products.
- Contract Disclosures – see NSPM-33 slide
- Certification required

# Contract Disclosure

[Information on NSPM-33 Disclosure Requirements:](#) ^

Consistent with NSPM-33, individuals are required to disclose contracts associated with participation in programs sponsored by foreign governments, instrumentalities, or entities, [including foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs](#). Further, if individuals receive direct or indirect support that is funded by a foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, even where the support is provided through an intermediary and does not require membership in the foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, that support must be disclosed. Individuals must also report other foreign government sponsored or affiliated activities. In accordance with 42 USC § 19232, individuals are prohibited from being a party in a [malign foreign talent recruitment program](#).

# Troubleshooting Technical Issues

- Slowness and Time out Errors reported.
- Cannot edit after the pdf is downloaded. That is by design. Do not edit. It is certified.
- Delegate cannot do the initial download. That is by design. The download is the first step to certification.
- Hyperlinks - Biosketch outputs PMID/PMIDs for the 10 research products as hyperlinks that cannot be edited or removed. Keep these generated hyperlinks. Do not edit even though this conflicts with NIH policy.
- More than 1 NCBI account?  
Do you have an old NCBI account when you were a graduate student and forgot about it? The help desk can help with merging the two accounts. However, tech help has been slow. Workaround: Use “old” NCBI account and generating any biosketches/other support from that account since that one has the ORCID ID linked to it.
- Created your ORCID ID and then chose Using a former SciENcv biosketch option  
You may try but it is not advised. Import errors have been reported.



# Investigator Be On Call Alert

If the GCO requires any changes, the investigator will need to certify again. Only the investigator, and not the delegate can certify. Please be available if any changes are needed.



# I'm a Delegate. How Can I Help?

Here are tasks you can do:

- Create and complete the biosketch as appropriate. Many of the sections are typically completed by the investigator.
- Example of Field You can Check for Accuracy

## Identifying Information, Organization and Location \* [EDIT](#)

In this section, disclose the information requested regarding the individual and their associated organization and location. All fields are required unless otherwise noted.

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# Technical Assistance

## Who do I contact if I have questions about Common Forms?

For NIH SciENCv **technical questions or immediate assistance**, please contact the SciENCv Help Desk (7:30 AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for federal holidays):

- Email the SciENCv Help Desk: [NLMSciencv@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NLMSciencv@mail.nih.gov)
- Create a ticket: <https://support.nlm.nih.gov/support/create-case/>

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# Download PDF Functions – Pre and Post Certification

VIEW DRAFT

↓ DOWNLOAD PDF

Please provide the required information in order to certify and download the document.

Box “greyed out” indicates the form incomplete.

The screenshot shows the NIH Current (Other) Support Form interface. A modal dialog titled "Certification Required" is displayed in the center. The dialog contains the following text:

**Certification Required**

The PI/co-PI or Other Senior/Key Person must certify this document in order for you to generate a PDF.

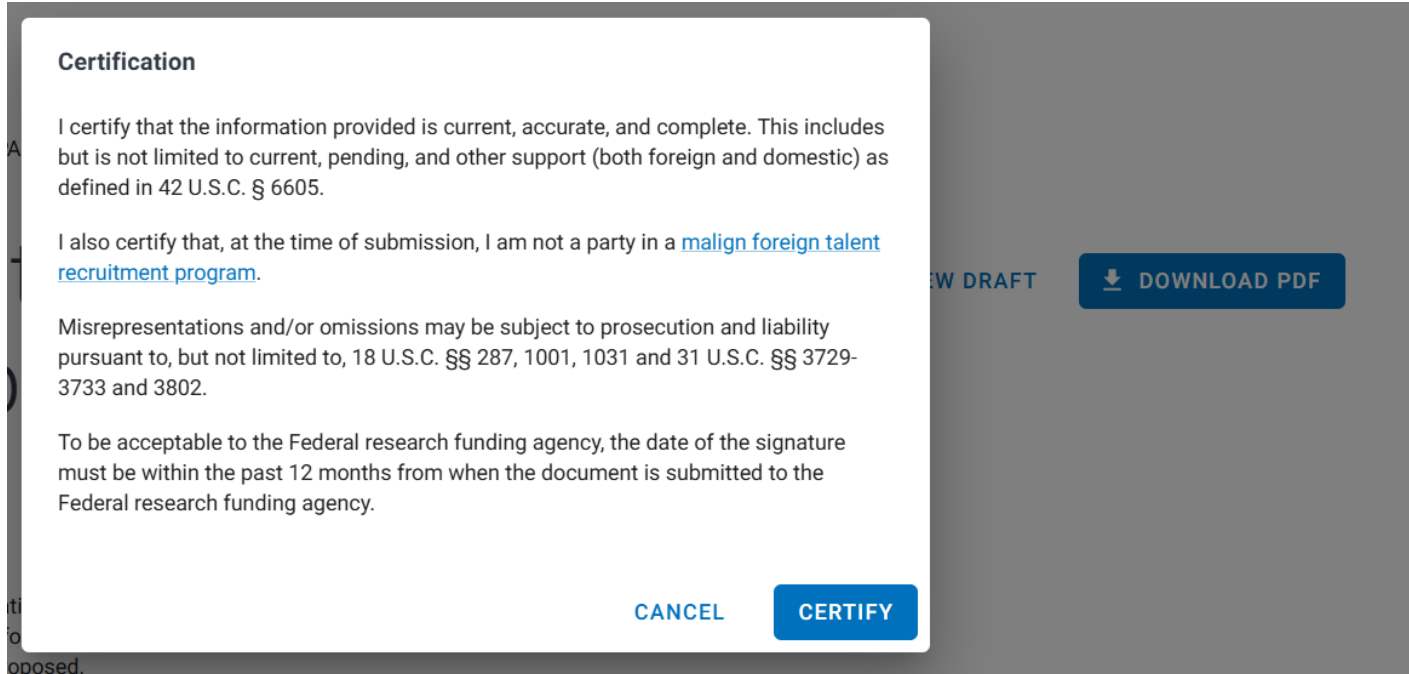
Each PI/co-PI or Other Senior/Key Person must electronically certify their Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support documents prior to submission. Delegates are not able to perform this step, but may download documents once they are certified.

You can send an email to the Senior/Key Person (alison.gottlieb@msm.edu) asking them to certify this document by selecting "Send Notification" below.

At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "SEND NOTIFICATION". The "SEND NOTIFICATION" button is highlighted with a yellow box. In the background, the form is partially visible, showing the title "NIH Current (Other) Support Form" and a "Delegated Account" section. A yellow arrow points from the "SEND NOTIFICATION" button in the dialog to the "RETURN TO MY ACCOUNT" button in the background.

If you are a delegate, once the form is completed, you can send a notification to the PI to certify.

# Download PDF Functions – Pre and Post Certification



The image shows a user interface with a modal dialog box for certification and a button to download a PDF. The dialog box is titled 'Certification' and contains three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states that the user certifies the information is current, accurate, and complete, including but not limited to current, pending, and other support (both foreign and domestic) as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 6605. The second paragraph states that the user also certifies that, at the time of submission, they are not a party in a [malign foreign talent recruitment program](#). The third paragraph states that misrepresentations and/or omissions may be subject to prosecution and liability pursuant to, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1031 and 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733 and 3802. Below the text, there are two buttons: 'CANCEL' and 'CERTIFY'. To the right of the dialog box, there is a button labeled 'DOWNLOAD PDF' with a download icon.

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To be acceptable to the Federal research funding agency, the date of the signature must be within the past 12 months from when the document is submitted to the Federal research funding agency.

[CANCEL](#) [CERTIFY](#)

NEW DRAFT [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)

The investigator, not the delegate will be prompted to certify. Only the PI can certify.

Once certified, the delegate clicks on download pdf again, and the file is downloaded.

# Form Downloaded (i.e., Certified): Now What?

**What actions are allowed after downloading a certified PDF file from SciENcv?**

- A generated PDF file can be **renamed**. [Click here for Filename Policy](#).
- However, a file must **not** be **exported** or **opened and re-saved** in another application.
- Do **not** flatten the PDF once certified and downloaded from SciENcv (unless otherwise noted in the Application Guide or Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Instructions). This will affect the metadata of the file so that it could not be uploaded to eRA Commons.

Source: NIH [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) | Grants & Funding](#)



# Resources

- [SciENcv Home](#)
- [National Library of Medicine \(NLM\) Help Desk](#)
- [NIH Biographical Sketch Common Form Webpage](#)
- [NIH Biosketch Common Form Instructions \(pdf\)](#)
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