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NIH Delays Biosketch Requirement to May 2015 Applications

On December 5, just after we published the December Research Express, the NIH reversed its plan to implement the new biosketch format in January. While still committed to the new format, NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Sally Rockey announced the delay in the wake of an outpouring of comments from the research community. See Dr. Rockey's comments from her regular blog post "Rock Talk".

<http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2014/12/09/following-up-on-the-biosketch-implementation/> (Quoted below).

Following up on the Biosketch Implementation, by Sally Rockey, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health

Posted on [December 9, 2014](#) by [Sally Rockey](#)

We certainly heard a lot of input on the blog on the issue of the [new biosketch format](#). I really appreciate the dialog. Even when the input is critical it is so important to hear what you think. Remember that the blog is just one of many points of input when we make policy decisions, however. In this case NIH continues to believe that the new biosketch format will allow researchers to paint a more complete picture of their scholarly work which may help move peer review beyond an enumeration of reports in prestigious journals. We did adjust the policy to address the issue of timing in response to your input. We heard how challenging it might be to convert to the new format by January deadlines, especially for those large multi-component and training grant applications due January 25. Accordingly, we will allow researchers an additional four months to make the transition to the new format. Until due dates of May 25, researchers are encouraged to use the new format but will be allowed to submit applications using either the old or the new biosketch format as described at [NOT-OD-15-032](#). Applications coming in for due dates on or after May 25 will require the new format. This timeline change also allows our [National Library of Medicine](#) to make all the adjustments necessary to the Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae ([SciENcv](#)) tool to gracefully accommodate the new biosketch format and address a few technical issues by the end of December. Thanks again to all of you for the lively comments.

<http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2014/12/09/following-up-on-the-biosketch-implementation/> – Follow this link to view the original post or to add comments.

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