

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Institute on Drug Abuse Initial Review Group

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Institute on Drug Abuse Initial
Review Group

3b. GSA

Committee No.

848

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No

08/07/1995

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of highly scientific and technical research grant applications in the fields relevant to to drug abuse and addiction including, basic and clinical neuroscience, basic behavioral science, medications development, treatment, health

services, epidemiology, prevention, human development, and AIDS. The committee reviewed 127 grants requesting \$660,275,907.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of this committee are authorities knowledgeable in the fields of biomedical, basic and clinical neuroscience, basic behavioral science, diagnostics, therapeutics, treatment, health services, epidemiology, prevention, human development, and AIDS.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee held six meetings during this reporting period. These meetings supported the mission and responsibility of the Institute.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide first-level merit review of highly scientific and technical research grant applications and contract proposals. These evaluations and recommendations cannot be obtained from other sources because the specialized, complex nature of the applications and proposals requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established sources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the committee will be closed to the public for the review of grant applications.

Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Reports: NIDA IRG did not produce a report this fiscal year. Website: There is no committee website. Members: Drs. Jorge A. Iniguez Lluhi and Andrew B. Norman were reappointed to NIDA IRG this fiscal year. Dr. Clinton D. Kilts resigned and is no longer a member of the NIDA IRG. As such, their term of service end dates are different than what was reported on the FY23 ACR. Drs. Thomas J. Hudzik and William Walton Stoops were reassigned as Chairs this fiscal year. In general, initial/integrated review group (IRG) members serve up to six years, which is documented in the Members list. Temporary members are individuals recruited based on expertise needed for each meeting. Some temporary members may attend one meeting only while others may attend multiple meetings. Instead of appointment start and end dates, each meeting date on which the temporary member served is identified on the Members list. Meeting rosters, including members' affiliations and zip codes are available online at <https://public.era.nih.gov/pubroster/>. The Committee Decision Maker and the Designated Federal Officer are filled by the same individual based on assigned duties within the IC.

Designated Federal Officer

Dharmendar Rathore Chief, Scientific Review

Branch

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ALESSI, SHEILA	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Peer Review Consultant Member
BALDWIN, JULIE	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
BART, GAVIN	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	Peer Review Consultant Member
BRIONES, MARISA	07/01/2024	06/30/2027	CO-FOUNDER AND CEO, BDH PHARMA LLC	Peer Review Consultant Member
BURRELL, BRIAN	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA	Peer Review Consultant Member
COFFIN, PHILLIP	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	DIRECTOR OF SUBSTANCE USE RESEARCH, SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	Peer Review Consultant Member
COMER, SANDRA	08/25/2020	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR OF NEUROBIOLOGY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES	Peer Review Consultant Member
DELGADO, PEDRO	08/25/2020	06/30/2026	SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN, SINT MAARTEN CAMPUS, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN	Peer Review Consultant Member
DUNN, KELLY	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	PROFESSOR, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
DWOSKIN, LINDA	08/24/2020	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	Peer Review Consultant Member

FERGUSON, SUSAN	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	Peer Review Consultant Member
HELLER, ELIZABETH	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Peer Review Consultant Member
HOMMEL, JONATHAN	07/01/2024	06/30/2027	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON	Peer Review Consultant Member
HUDZIK, THOMAS	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	SENIOR DIRECTOR, GLAXO SMITH KLINE	Peer Review Consultant Member
IMBERT, BRUCE	07/01/2024	06/30/2027	CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, MINDPATH PHARMA CONSULTING LLC	Peer Review Consultant Member
INIGUEZ LLUHI, JORGE	08/09/2020	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	Peer Review Consultant Member
KALLMAN, MARY	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, KALLMAN PRECLINICAL CONSULTING, LLC	Peer Review Consultant Member
LAWAL, HAKEEM	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	VICE CHAIR, DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
MAHER, BRION	07/01/2022	06/30/2025	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
MANCINO, MICHAEL	08/21/2020	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES	Peer Review Consultant Member
MANINI, ALEX	07/01/2022	06/30/2025	PROFESSOR, ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI	Peer Review Consultant Member

MARTINEZ, KAREN	07/01/2023	06/30/2027	CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO	Peer Review Consultant Member
MCCARTHY, DENIS	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	FREDERICK A. MIDDLEBUSH PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA	Peer Review Consultant Member
MEDINA, JULIO	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EPIODYNE, INC.	Peer Review Consultant Member
MILNER, TERESA	07/01/2022	06/30/2025	PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE, WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
NORMAN, ANDREW	08/25/2020	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI	Peer Review Consultant Member
OBASI, EZEMENARI	07/01/2022	06/30/2028	ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	Peer Review Consultant Member
OLSEN, CHRISTOPHER	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN	Peer Review Consultant Member
STOOPS, WILLIAM	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	Peer Review Consultant Member
VRIEZE, SCOTT	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	Peer Review Consultant Member
WILLIAMS, DIONNA	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, EMORY UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member
WILSON, ANNA	07/01/2022	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY	Peer Review Consultant Member

YEKKIRALA, AJAY	07/01/2021	06/30/2025	CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, BLUE THERAPEUTICS, INC.	Peer Review Consultant Member
ZHUANG, XIAOXI	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	PROFESSOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 34

Narrative Description

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. NIH works toward that mission by supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad. Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary ...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of - (A) applications...; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

4,347

Number of Recommendations Comments

Grant Review

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Information resulting from closed initial peer review meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on research projects funded by NIH on the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

An action of approved or recommended for grants receiving initial peer review by this committee does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council for program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 127

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 127

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$660,275,907

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NA