

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2081

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/29/1995

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Per "2025 Secretary Directive"

8c. Actual Term Date

06/30/2025

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 USC 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Special Emphasis Panel

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

5

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

5

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
NIH Peer Review	12/05/2024	- 12/05/2024
NIH Peer Review	03/13/2025	- 03/13/2025
NIH Peer Review	03/27/2025	- 03/27/2025

NIH Peer Review 04/09/2025 - 04/09/2025

NIH Peer Review 04/17/2025 - 04/17/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$159,951.00	\$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)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$171,951.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.70	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee was composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represented the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provided first-level merit review of highly scientific and technical

research grant and cooperative applications and contract proposals for research and training activities in the areas relevant to informatics, library and data sciences for use in health care, public health and basic biomedical research. During this reporting period, the Special Emphasis Panels met 5 times and reviewed a total of 64 applications recommending \$71,337,157.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

This committee had a fluid membership with members designated to serve for individual meetings rather than formally appointed for fixed terms of service. The reviewers for each meeting were selected to evaluate grant applications or contract proposals for a specific, perhaps narrow, expertise area in medical library services, health science publications, integrated biotechnology information, databases, resources and educational technology. Participants for each meeting were assembled to most efficiently and effectively cover the number and breadth of applications or contracts requiring review.

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

The National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel held 5 meetings during this reporting period. The flexibility in review allowed by this committee structure has been proven both efficient and effective.

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

Per "2025 Secretary Directive" this FACA Committee has been terminated.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or

partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel were 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

Per "2025 Secretary Directive" this FACA Committee has been terminated. This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. This committee did not have a dedicated website. Committee Decision Maker and Designated Federal Official were the same individual based on assigned duties within NLM. The members of this Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) did not have standing appointments and served on an as needed basis for meetings throughout the fiscal year. Therefore, the members list does not reflect appointment start and end dates. As often as possible, instead of appointment start and end dates, each meeting date on which the SEP member served is identified on the Members list. When necessary to protect peer review integrity, a fiscal year start and end date is used as the alternative to appointment start and end dates for some SEP members. As a result, the Members list, including the number of chairs, may not align or directly match to specific meeting dates. Meeting rosters, including members' affiliations and zip codes are available online at <https://public.era.nih.gov/pubroster/>.

Designated Federal Officer

Richard Palmer Deputy Associate Director,
Extramural Programs, NLM

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ADLER-MILSTEIN, JULIA	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Adedinsewo, Demilade	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Alexander, Gregory	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Alpi, KRISTINE	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	ASSOCIATE DEAN	Peer Review Consultant Member
Baldi, Pierre	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Banaei-Kashani, Farnoush	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Baralt, Melissa	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bell, Douglas	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Boxwala, Aziz	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	President	Peer Review Consultant Member
CHIN, LYNDA	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer	Peer Review Consultant Member
Chen, Jin	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
DONALDSON, DEVAN	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Associate PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
DORR, DAVID	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Das, Sudeshna	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Deng, Youping	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
ELKIN, PETER	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Enquobahrie, Andinet	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Senior Director	Peer Review Consultant Member

Feng, Xue	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Fiscella, Kevin	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
HERSH, WILLIAM	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hong, Pengyu	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hsu, Chunnan	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Adjunct Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Jing, Xia	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Jones, Shannon	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
KLEINBERG, SAMANTHA	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
LENERT, LESLIE	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Distinguished Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
LIU, HONGFANG	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
LIU, MEI	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lin, Zhen	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Nurse Scientist	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lussier, Yves	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
MENDONCA, ENEIDA	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Manion, Frank	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Vice President	Peer Review Consultant Member
Markey, Mia	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
NEMATI, SHAMIM	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
OZAYDIN, BUNYAMIN	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Associate PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member

Pakhomov, Serguei	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Parikh, Ravi	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Peng, Yifan	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Powell, Kimberly	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Pryor, Meghan	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Associate Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
RICHESSON, RACHEL	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Reddy, Anupama	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Co-founder & COO	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rethlefsen, Melissa	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Executive Director and Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Roosan, Don	04/09/2025	04/09/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
SAVOVA, GUERGANA	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
SCHLEYER, TITUS	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
SHANNON, WILLIAM	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	PRESIDENT AND CO-FOUNDER	Peer Review Consultant Member
SMALHEISER, NEIL	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
Voskerician, Gabriela	04/17/2025	04/17/2025	Chief Executive Officer	Peer Review Consultant Member
WHITNEY, WANDA	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	SUPERVISORY LIBRARIAN	Peer Review Consultant Member
WRIGHT, ADAM	12/05/2024	12/05/2024	PROFESSOR	Peer Review Consultant Member
XU, HUA	03/27/2025	03/27/2025	Professor and Vice Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
ZHANG, RUI	03/13/2025	03/13/2025	Professor and Founding Chief	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 53

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 worked 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...The Special Emphasis Panels were established to provide grant review for a variety of grant or contract applications for which specialized reviews are required. The NLM SEP peer reviews included Publications, Research, and Training Grants.

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
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

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 disease.

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

2,741

Number of Recommendations Comments

A total of 64 grant applications were reviewed in FY 2025.

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

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NIH Peer Review Committees are involved in the initial review of research grant applications. The NIH dual peer review system is mandated by statute in accordance with section 492 of the Public Health Service Act. The charge to this committee was to determine scientific and technical merit of the individual grants or contracts. These recommendations were forwarded to Federal officials who generally accept the committee's recommendations and favorable applications were then forwarded for the second level or review performed by the Institute and Center (IC) National Advisory Councils or Boards. Only applications that were favorably recommended by both the initial peer review committee and the Advisory Council were recommended for funding.

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 64

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 64

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$71,337,157

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NA