

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>   | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Department of Health and Human Services  | 2025                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>  | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel | 2084                         |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| No                                 | 09/29/1995                |                                 |                              |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
| Yes   | 2025 Secretary Directive                  | 06/30/2025                  |

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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Continue   | Not Applicable                            | Not Applicable                   |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>11. Establishment Authority</b>          | Authorized by Law         |                           |                           |
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
| 42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)                        | 11/20/1985                | Continuing                | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** Special Emphasis Panel

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 9 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 9

## Meetings and Dates

|                 |              |              |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Purpose</b>  | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b>   |
| NIH Peer Review | 10/09/2024   | - 10/09/2024 |

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|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| NIH Peer Review | 10/22/2024 | - 10/22/2024 |
| NIH Peer Review | 10/29/2024 | - 10/30/2024 |
| NIH Peer Review | 11/12/2024 | - 11/12/2024 |
| NIH Peer Review | 02/20/2025 | - 02/20/2025 |
| NIH Peer Review | 04/17/2025 | - 04/17/2025 |
| NIH Peer Review | 04/25/2025 | - 04/25/2025 |
| NIH Peer Review | 04/28/2025 | - 04/29/2025 |
| NIH Peer Review | 04/30/2025 | - 05/01/2025 |

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 9**

|  | <b>Current<br/>FY</b> | <b>Next<br/>FY</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Non-Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Federal Staff</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Non-Member Consultants</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Non-Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Federal Staff</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Non-member Consultants</b>   | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs,<br/>contractor support,<br/>In-person/hybrid/virtual<br/>meetings)</b> | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18d. Other (all other funds not<br/>captured by any other cost<br/>category)</b>                        | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>18e. Total Costs</b>  | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years<br/>(FTE)</b>   | 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 and/or contract proposals in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including sports-related disorders. Operation of this committee is accomplished using a fluid membership, with members designated to serve for individual meetings rather than formally appointed for fixed terms of service. During this reporting period, the committee reviewed 200 applications for \$211,504,110.00.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee has 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 are selected to evaluate grant applications or contract proposals for a specific, perhaps narrow, expertise area. Participants for each meeting are 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 panel held 11 FACA Meetings during this reporting period. The flexibility in review allowed by this committee structure has proved both efficient and effective.

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

The 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 to the NIH staff or from other established sources.

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

Meetings of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel were closed to the public for the review of grant applications and contract proposals. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in 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. Website: This committee does not have a website. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during this fiscal year. Chair: There were 11 meetings in FY24; 6 Chairpersons are identified in the Member section because Drs. Joel Block, Jeffrey Travers and Lenna Sharma chaired 2 meetings and Louis Bridges chaired 3 meeting during FY24. Members: The members of this

Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) do not have standing appointments and serve 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/>. The DFO and the Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the Institute.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

Kathy Salaita Chief, Scientific Review Branch

### **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**

NA

**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?**

6,631

## Number of Recommendations Comments

NIH 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**

This committee provides the first level merit review of highly scientific and technical research grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 200

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 200

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$211,504,110

**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