

# 1997 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	1997
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel	1962
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>
No	09/30/1994
	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>
	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	

<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 USC 282(b)(6)	11/20/1985	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Grant Review Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

**16b. Report Date** Report Title  
09/30/1997 Annual Report to the Secretary

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 16 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 16

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Not Stated	11/14/1996	- 11/14/1996

Not Stated	11/20/1996	- 11/20/1996
Not Stated	12/03/1996	- 12/03/1996
Not Stated	12/20/1996	- 12/20/1996
Not Stated	02/26/1997	- 02/26/1997
Not Stated	03/19/1997	- 03/19/1997
Not Stated	03/24/1997	- 03/24/1997
Not Stated	03/25/1997	- 03/25/1997
Not Stated	03/26/1997	- 03/26/1997
Not Stated	04/04/1997	- 04/04/1997
Not Stated	04/10/1997	- 04/10/1997
Not Stated	06/19/1997	- 06/19/1997
Not Stated	06/22/1997	- 06/24/1997
Not Stated	07/21/1997	- 07/21/1997
Not Stated	07/21/1997	- 07/21/1997
Not Stated	08/01/1997	- 08/01/1997

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 16**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$76,500.00	\$76,500.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$135,685.00	\$139,484.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$138,004.00	\$140,245.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$6,409.00	\$6,493.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$7,575.00	\$7,772.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$364,173.00	\$370,494.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	2.00	2.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

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... 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 in genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biophysics, chemistry, biochemistry, physiology and pharmacological sciences. 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 64 applications requesting \$97,463,518 and recommended 55 applications in the amount of \$78,583,685. Nine applications in the amount of \$10,483,936 were not recommended for further consideration.

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

This 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 National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel held six meetings during this reporting period. The flexibility in review allowed by this committee structure has proved both efficient and effective. Members also participated in the activities as described in Section F, Item 21.

**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 National Institute of General Medical Sciences 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**

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**Designated Federal Officer**

Helen Sunshine Chief, Office of Scientific Review

**Narrative Description**

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

**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**

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

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

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

%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or**

**will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

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

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

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

Checked if Applies

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

Publications



Other



**Access Comments**