



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING NIH SF 424 (R&R) & PHS 398 CHANGES



In December: new SF 424 (R&R) & PHS 398 instructions and program announcements will be released for **all** new, renewal, resubmission, and revision competing applications, due **on or after January 25, 2010!**

- ❖ **The SF 424 (R&R) new forms will be called “SF 424 (R&R): ADOBE_FORMS_B”**
- ❖ **The PHS 398 new forms will have the revised date in the footer of “June 2009”**

The application forms have been **revised in three major sections**: 1) The Research Plan; 2) The Biographical Sketch; and 3) The Resources and Facilities

The Research Plan will now be called the **Research Strategy**.

- ❖ **Introduction** [*for Resubmissions & Revisions ONLY*] has now been reduced to only **one-page** for all application types, unless noted in FOA.
 - For all new & renewal applications submitted **ON or AFTER January 25, 2009**, you may only resubmit once. *If the original new or renewal application was submitted PRIOR to this date, they have been “grandfathered” and are allowed a second submission, up until January 7, 2011.*
- ❖ **Specific Aims** is now a separate item, with a **one-page** maximum
 - **Research Strategy** now includes four sub-sections and has reduced the page limits: 1) Significance; 2) Innovation; 3) Approach; and 4) Preliminary Studies/Progress Report

Current Page Limit (Research Plan, Sections 2-5)	New Page Limit (Research Strategy)
<25 pages	6 pages
25 pages	12 pages
>25 pages	Follow the FOA instructions

- ❖ **Note:** For multi-component applications, such as Program Project/Center (P) application, the Projects will be limited to 12 pages and the Cores will be limited to 6 pages.

Biographical Sketch has added a new sub-section (after the education table) and reduced the number of allowable publications. It still has a **maximum of four pages**, unless otherwise noted in the FOA. Link to sample: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/2590/biosketchsample.pdf>.

- ❖ **A. Personal Statement** has been added where you are requested to briefly describe why your experience and qualifications make you particularly well-suited for your role in the project.
- ❖ **B. Positions & Honors** (*nothing has changed*)
- ❖ **C. Publications** – it has been requested that no more than **15 publications** be listed. Selections are to be made with regards to recency, importance to the field and/or relevance to the application.
- ❖ **D. Research Support** (*nothing has changed*)

Resources and Facilities (*Other Project Information, Item 9*) is requesting you to provide a description of how the scientific environment will contribute to the probability of the success of the project. Additionally, for **Early Stage Investigators (ESIs)** it is now requested to describe the institutional investment in the success of the investigator.

- ❖ **Select Agents Research** (*Research Plan, Item 11*), if applicable, is now requesting you describe the biocontainment resources available at all performance sites.

Additional Information:

- ❖ NOT-OD-09-149: Restructured Application Forms and instructions for Submissions for FY2011 Funding: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-09-149.html>
- ❖ Details of Application Changes: http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/docs/application_changes.pdf
- ❖ Enhancing Peer Review: <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov>

Remember: Applications submitted using incorrect or mixed forms will be delayed and may not even be reviewed!!!