

## NIH Biosketch Requirement: via SciENcv Guidance for Investigators and Research Administrators

**What's happening:** As of May 25, 2025, **all NIH biosketches must be created and submitted using the Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (SciENcv) platform**, meaning researchers are required to use SciENcv to generate their NIH biosketches for grant applications. [1, 3]

### Key points about the NIH biosketch SciENcv requirement:

- **New format:** The NIH is adopting a new "Common Form" for biosketches which will be created through SciENcv. [1]
- **Digital certification:** SciENcv will produce a digitally certified PDF of the biosketch for submission.
- **ORCID link:** Researchers must link their ORCID ID to their SciENcv profile to access and use the system.
- **Application date:** This requirement applies to all NIH applications submitted on or after May 25, 2025.

### Investigator Action Item:

- Set up or access your existing SciENcv profile and link your ORCID ID.
- Resources:
  - [ORCID Guide](#) by Penn Libraries
  - [SciENcv Guide](#) by Penn Libraries
- Delegate access to your Business Administrator (BA) to enable them to assist in building biosketch and Other Support records.
  - **Certification requirement:** *The certification of Biosketches and/or Current and Pending (Other) Support may not be delegated to administrators, but administrators can assist in preparing investigator(s) Biosketches and/or Current and Pending (Other) Support in SciENcv through delegate access.*

### Additional Information:

- Individuals can refer to the [NIH Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) re the Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) for more information.
- Until the Common Forms are fully adopted, NIH requests that applicants continue to use current NIH biosketch and Other Support formats for applications, Just-in-Time requests, and RPPRs. [1]

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### References:

- [1] <https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/biosketch>  
[2] <https://www.srainternational.org/blogs/srai-news/2024/12/12/preparing-for-nih-sciencv-requirement-in-2025-tip>  
[3] <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-24-163.html>