

## Become a Grant Reviewer!

Serving as a grant reviewer is an excellent way to learn about the grant process, become familiar with a particular grant program and/or funding agency, learn about innovations in your area of interest, and network with colleagues and funding agency representatives in your field. In addition, becoming a grant reviewer is one of the best ways to prepare for the development of a grant proposal. The article, [Why I Became a Grant Reviewer](#), summarizes reasons to become a grant reviewer and the benefits that can be experienced through the process. Additional links to articles that support becoming a grant reviewer can be found at the end of this document.

Most federal agencies rely heavily on faculty and scholars to review and advise them on which proposals should be funded. Agencies are always seeking to enrich their rosters of potential review panelists and many federal agencies now provide information online about how to become a reviewer.

If you are interested in serving as a grant reviewer, click on the links below for additional information and instructions. Please let Grant Services know if you apply to serve on any grant proposal review committees and if you are selected to review proposals.

- [\*\*The National Science Foundation\*\*](#)

Learn about the benefits of becoming a grant reviewer for NSF on this webpage. This page also includes information on how to find an NSF program contact.

- [\*\*National Endowment for the Humanities\*\*](#)

Follow the *Become a Peer Reviewer* link on the left-hand side of the page to the Panelist and Reviewer Information System (PRISM), which is a database of prospective reviewers used by the staff of NEH. On the PRISM page you will find a link to the application and a link to Frequently Asked Questions about PRISM.

- [\*\*National Institutes of Health – Early Career Reviewer Program\*\*](#)

This webpage describes the purpose of the Early Career Reviewer Program, who is eligible, and how to apply. Please note that prior NIH funding is not a requirement.

- [\*\*U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Institute of Food and Agriculture\*\*](#)

This webpage includes the steps to sign up for the USDA's peer review program.

- [\*\*U.S. Department of Education - Office of Postsecondary Education\*\*](#)

This website includes a link to the Field Reader System (FRS) registration page and a link to learn more about the various grant programs.

- [\*\*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Human Resources and Services Administration\*\*](#)

This webpage posts HRSA's *Call for Reviewers* and a link to the online application.

- [\*\*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families\*\*](#)

- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

This webpage lists the qualifications to become a SAMHSA grant reviewer and a link to the online application.

- [Institute for Museum and Library Services](#)

This webpage provides an overview of how to become a reviewer for IMLS and links to reviewer resources.

### **Other Resources**

- [Why I Became a Grant Reviewer](#)

By Katharine E. Stewart

*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 21, 2013

- [How to Become a Grant Reviewer](#)

By Karen M. Markin

*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 2, 2008

- [NSF Grant Reviewer Tells All](#)

By Pamela L. Member

*Science*, April 11, 2003