The Center for Scientific Review's programs to increase diversity among CSR reviewers and review panels: The Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program

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Description: The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is the gateway for NIH grant applications and their review for scientific merit. We conduct initial scientific merit review of most research applications submitted to the NIH in about 240 Study Sections and regularly recurring Special Emphasis Panels. The Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program aims to help early career scientists become more competitive as grant applicants through first-hand experience with peer review and to enrich and diversify CSR's pool of trained reviewers; Learn about the steps required for an application to proceed from planning and submission through to award and closeout; Drill down to learn more about each step in the process for guidance that can maximize your understanding of the grants process and help you submit a successful grant application; Work side-by-side with some of the most accomplished researchers in your field to help NIH identify the most promising grant applications; Learn how reviewers determine overall impact scores; Improve your own grant writing skills by getting an insider's view of how grant applications are evaluated; Serve the scientific community by participating in NIH peer review and develop research-evaluation and critique-writing skills.

Session theme or topic: Administrative Development, Faculty Development, Clinical/Rural Health Research, NIH Resources, Evaluation

Session format (Lecture, facilitated discussion, panel discussion, Q&A): Facilitated discussion, Q&A, workshop

3 anticipated participant learning outcomes:
1. Improve your own grant writing skills by getting an insider's view of how grant applications are evaluated;
2. Learn how reviewers determine overall impact scores;
3. Develop research-evaluation and critique-writing skills

Intended audience: INBRE, Faculty, PI's, Administrators

Name, title, Institution/bio for each facilitator/presenter:

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