

Recommending ACSM Scientists to Serve as NIH Reviewers

ACSM Policy and Procedure

- ACSM aims to facilitate the scientific contribution of its members. As such, we are pleased to offer a new opportunity to utilize your ACSM membership to become engaged with the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR).
- The CSR has launched an online portal through which scientific societies may recommend scientists to serve as NIH reviewers. This new portal results from the need to maintain, refresh, and expand a pool of well-qualified reviewers across the CSR portfolio of granting agencies. For additional insights into CSR criteria for chartered scientific review groups explore this [link](#).
- We are happy to consider ACSM members interested in serving on a NIH Study Section and recommend their participation if they meet the requirements identified below.
- Applications will be reviewed and approved/declined by the ACSM Staff and Science Integration Leadership Sub-Committee comprised of the SILC Chair and one or more additional members most closely aligned with the applicant area of expertise.
- If approved, the ACSM will recommend you to the NIH CSR as a potential reviewer after preliminary vetting by the Scientific Integration and Leadership Committee (SILC).
- Beyond making the recommendation, ACSM has no influence as to whether a scientist is selected to serve.
- Interested scientists should be able to demonstrate scientific expertise, NIH extramural funding, and scholarly productivity. All career stages (assistant, associate, full professors) are eligible, however junior faculty will be directed toward training awards (and similar) unless an applicant's prior success warrants consideration for the more competitive award mechanisms.

Please submit a PDF of your completed application (i.e., cover statement, copy of CV) to Laura Young PhD, at lyoung@acsm.org.

*Requests will only be reviewed if the application is complete. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

Request for Recommendation as a NIH Reviewer

- Please read the following request instructions carefully before submitting an application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed and will be returned to the requester for completion.

Instructions:

1. You must be an ACSM member to submit a request.
2. A **Cover Statement** is required for submission and must include the following:
 - Member's Name, Email, Degree, and Affiliation
 - ACSM Member Number
 - NIH eRA Commons user name
 - [ORCHID iD](#) (if available)
 - A brief statement regarding your interest and suitability as a reviewer. Reviewer suitability includes the following:
 - Years of research experience
 - Exposure to external funding (list federal/foundation/etc., mechanisms, role on the grant, etc.)
 - Experience with prior peer-review (e.g., granting agencies, mechanisms, refereed journals, tenure and promotion materials, etc.)
 - A list of key terms that reflect your broad expertise (e.g., behavioral neuro-endocrinology, cardiovascular disease, etc.)
 - A list of key terms that reflect your research focus (e.g., estrogen receptor alpha and aggression, cardiac contractility, etc.)
 - A list of key terms that reflect your methodological expertise (e.g., immunohistochemistry, population-level statistical methods, etc.)
 - A selection of up to 3 relevant study sections (a list of study sections can be viewed [here](#))
3. A current copy of your CV (not your NIH biosketch) must accompany your submission. Emphasis on an applicant's published and externally funded research, in addition to experience with peer-review will be helpful.

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