Evaluation and Selection Process

In order for a site to be eligible for placement of NHSC personnel, it must be approved by the NHSC following the site’s submission of a Site Application. The processing of Site Applications from solo or group practices may involve additional screening, including a site visit by NHSC representatives. The Site Application approval is good for a period of 3 years from the date of approval.

In approving applications for the assignment of Corps members, the Secretary shall give priority to any such application that is made regarding the provision of primary health services to a HPSA with the greatest shortage. For the program year July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, the HPSA with the greatest shortage will impact retention of other clinicians.

June 30, 2013, HPSAs of greatest shortage for determination of priority for assignment of NHSC scholarship-obligated Corps personnel will be defined as follows: (1) Primary medical care HPSAs with scores of 16 and above are authorized for the assignment of NHSC scholarship recipients who are primary care physicians, family nurse practitioners (NPs), physician assistants (PAs) or CNMs; (2) mental health HPSAs with scores of 16 and above are authorized for the assignment of NHSC scholarship recipients who are psychiatrists or mental health nurse practitioners; and (3) dental HPSAs with scores of 16 and above are authorized for the assignment of NHSC scholarship recipients who are dentists. The NHSC has determined that a minimum HPSA score of 16 for all eligible clinicians will enable it to meet its statutory obligation to identify a number of entities eligible for placement at least equal to, but not greater than, twice the number of NHSC scholars available to serve in the 2012–2013 placement cycle.

The number of new NHSC placements through the Scholarship Program allowed at any one site is limited to one (1) of the following provider types: Physician (MD/DO), NP, PA, CNM, or dentist. The NHSC will consider requests for up to two (2) scholar placements at any one site on a case-by-case basis. Factors that are taken into consideration include community need, as measured by demand for services, patient outcomes and other similar factors, and how the additional scholar will impact retention of other clinicians. Sites wishing to request an additional scholar must complete an Additional Scholar Request form available at http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarship/pdf/additionalscholarrequestform.pdf.

Sites that do not meet the authorized HPSA score threshold indicated above may post job openings, however, scholars seeking placement between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 will be advised that they can only compete for open positions at sites that meet the threshold placement HPSA score of 16. While not eligible for scholar placements in 2012–2013, vacancies in HPSA scores less than 16 will be used by the NHSC in evaluating the HPSA threshold score for the next scholarship placement cycle.

Application Requests, Dates and Address

The list of HPSAs and entities that are eligible to receive priority for the placement of Corps personnel may be updated periodically. Entities that no longer meet eligibility criteria, including those sites whose 3-year approval as an NHSC service site has lapsed or whose HPSA designation has been withdrawn or proposed for withdrawal, will be removed from the priority listing. New entities interested in being added to the high priority list must submit a Site Application to the National Health Service Corps by visiting http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/communities/apply.htm to apply online. A searchable database of HPSAs and their scores, by State and county, is posted at http://hpsafnd.hrsa.gov/.

Additional Information

Entities wishing to provide additional data and information in support of their inclusion on the proposed list of HPSAs and entities that would receive priority in assignment of scholarship-obligated Corps members, must do so in writing no later than May 14, 2012. This information should be submitted to: Sonya Bayone, Chief, Site Branch, Division of the National Health Service Corps, Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8–37, Rockville, MD 20857. This information will be considered in preparing the final list of HPSAs and entities that are receiving priority for the assignment of scholarship-obligated Corps personnel.

The program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR Part 100).

Dated: April 9, 2012.

Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator.
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**Request for Comments:** Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Attention: NIH Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov or by fax to 202–395–6974. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Patricia Weber, DrPH, Program Director, NCI/NIH, SBIR Development Center, 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 402, Rockville, MD 20852 or call non-toll-free number 301–594–8106 or email your request, including your address to: weberp@mail.nih.gov.

**Comments Due Date:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: April 9, 2012.

**Vivian Horovitch-Kelley,**
NCI Project Clearance Liaison, National Institutes of Health.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

**Name of Committee:** Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council.

**Date:** May 14, 2012.

**Time:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Provide advice to the Acting Director, Center for Scientific Review (CSR), on matters related to planning, execution, conduct, support, review, evaluation, and receipt and referral of grant applications at CSR.

**Place:** Health and Human Services Building, 5635 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Contact Person:** Donald L Schneider, Ph.D., Senior Advisor to the Director, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3030, MSC 7776, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1111, schneid@csr.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.


**Anna P. Snouffer,** Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**National Human Genome Research Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** National Human Genome Research Institute Special Emphasis Panel, H3Africa Biorepository Teleconference SEP.

**Date:** April 18, 2012.

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Human Genome Research Institute, 5635 Fishers Lane, 4076, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

**Contact Person:** Rudy O. Pozzatti, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Human Genome Research Institute, 5635 Fishers Lane, Suite 4076, MSC 9306, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 402–0838, pozzatt@ihsmall.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing