

HRSA specifically requests comments on: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**Maria G. Button,**

*Director, Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Nursing Research; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, 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. The open session will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting and Podcasting website <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=56882>.

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 Advisory Council for Nursing Research.

*Date:* September 9, 2025.

*Open:* 10:00 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

*Agenda:* Call to Order; Council Open Discussion.

*Address:* National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Closed:* 2:50 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Address:* National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Elizabeth Tarlov, Ph.D., RN, Director, Division of Extramural Science Programs (DESP), National Institute of Nursing Research, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-8511, [elizabeth.tarlov@nih.gov](mailto:elizabeth.tarlov@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. Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.ninr.nih.gov/aboutninr/nacnr>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.361, Nursing Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Policy.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is providing guidance to researchers on the appropriate usage of artificial intelligence (AI) to maintain the fairness and originality of NIH's research application process. NIH is also instituting a new policy limiting the number of applications that NIH will consider per principal investigator per calendar year.

**DATES:** This policy is effective for applications submitted to the September 25, 2025, receipt date and beyond.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Further information about this policy notice may be directed to Dr. Lyric Jorgenson, NIH Office of Science Policy, at (301) 496-6837 or ([SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov](mailto:SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is providing guidance to researchers on the appropriate usage of artificial intelligence (AI) to maintain the fairness and originality of NIH's research application process. NIH is also instituting a new policy limiting the

number of applications that NIH will consider per Principal Investigator per calendar year. NIH has recently observed instances of Principal Investigators submitting large numbers of applications, some of which may have been generated with AI tools.

While AI may be a helpful tool in reducing the burden of preparing applications, the rapid submission of large numbers of research applications from a single Principal Investigator may unfairly strain NIH's application review processes. The percentage of applications from Principal Investigators submitting an average of more than six applications per year is relatively low; however, there is evidence that the use of AI tools has enabled Principal Investigators to submit more than 40 distinct applications in a single application submission round.

NIH will continue to employ the latest technology in detection of AI-generated content to identify AI generated applications, but it is imperative that all NIH research applications are consistent with the NIH Grants Policy Statement (GPS) Section 2.1.2's (see: [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section\\_2/2.1.2\\_recipient\\_staff.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_2/2.1.2_recipient_staff.htm)) expectation that institutions and affiliated research teams propose original ideas for funding. AI tools may be appropriate to assist in application preparation for limited aspects or in specific circumstances, but researchers should be aware that using AI comes with its own risks. AI use may result in plagiarism, fabricated citations, or other kinds of research misconduct. As a reminder, NIH oversees research misconduct investigations and acts on non-compliance (see: [https://lgrants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section\\_4/4.1.27\\_research\\_misconduct.htm](https://lgrants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/html5/section_4/4.1.27_research_misconduct.htm)).

#### Policy

NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants. If the detection of AI is identified post award, NIH may refer the matter to the Office of Research Integrity to determine whether there is research misconduct while simultaneously taking enforcement actions (see: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/subchapter-group-ECFR86b76dde0ele9dc/section-200.339>) including but not limited to disallowing costs, withholding future awards, wholly or in part suspending the grant, and possible termination.