

and craniofacial (DOC) health and disease and translates these insights into strategies for prevention, early detection, and treatment. NIDCR's funding decisions weigh rigorous assessments of scientific merit, alignment with program priorities, and balance across the research portfolio. Moreover, these decisions are anchored in the current NIDCR Strategic Plan (available at <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/about-us/strategic-plan>), which emphasizes continued investment in fundamental research to sustain scientific excellence and advance the institute's broader mission. To that end, the Institute's supported research has deepened understanding (available at <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/news-events/nidcr-news/2024/probing-periodontal-disease>) of the oral microbiome and inflammatory pathways underlying gum disease, with implications for both oral and systemic health. Initiatives such as the DOC Tissue Regeneration Consortium (available at <https://doctr.org/>) further bridge discovery and clinical application, helping move basic science toward patient-centered solutions.

As NIDCR looks to the future, there is a growing need for science that not only builds on these foundations but also anticipates and responds to emerging public health challenges, technological advances, and evolving patient and community needs. Input is sought on how the next strategic plan can position the DOC research enterprise to meet current demands while remaining adaptable to future scientific opportunities.

NIDCR recognizes the critical role of oral health in overall health and well-being. Increasing evidence highlights the interconnectedness of DOC conditions with systemic health outcomes, underscoring the importance of integrating DOC research within broader biomedical and public health contexts. At the same time, a deeper understanding of the root causes of DOC diseases is essential to inform prevention strategies and improve treatments.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather input from a broad range of stakeholders to inform the development of NIDCR's strategic directions for fiscal years 2027–2031. Specifically, NIDCR seeks feedback on research needs, gaps, opportunities, and emerging scientific areas relevant to DOC health and disease.

Information Requested

NIDCR invites input from researchers in academia and industry; health care professionals; patient advocates and

advocacy organizations; scientific and professional societies; federal partners; and other interested members of the public.

Responses to this RFI will be considered by NIDCR leadership and staff, in coordination with the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council, in shaping future strategic planning efforts. Respondents are encouraged to provide input on the following topic areas, as they relate to NIDCR's future strategic directions for fiscal years 2027–2031:

1. Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial (DOC) Research

To advance scientific discovery across the research continuum; fostering innovation to prevent disease and promote health; and developing improved diagnostics, treatments, interventions, and cures.

2. Integration of DOC Research, Data, and Care with the Greater Biomedical Enterprise

To optimize integration of DOC research, data, and clinical care with the broader biomedical enterprise, and strengthen cross-disciplinary collaboration, harmonized data systems, and accelerated translation of discoveries into coordinated clinical practice.

3. DOC Research Capacity

To strengthen and sustain a robust, interdisciplinary research workforce; and enhance the infrastructure, tools, and resources needed to support high-quality research.

4. DOC Research Operations

To improve the management and conduct of research through effective stewardship, data-driven decision-making, transparency, and accountability to enhance public trust.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary and may be submitted anonymously. Please do not include any personally identifiable information or any content you would not want made public. Do not include proprietary, classified, confidential, or otherwise sensitive information in your response.

The Government may use any information submitted in response to this RFI at its discretion. This may include posting on public websites, incorporating into reports or summaries of the current state of the science, or using it to inform future solicitations, grants, cooperative agreements, or funding opportunity announcements.

This RFI is intended solely for information gathering and planning purposes. It does not constitute a

solicitation for applications or an obligation by the Government to fund or support any ideas submitted. The Government will not reimburse any costs associated with preparing or submitting a response, nor for the use of that information.

Dated: July 10, 2026.

Jennifer Webster-Cyriaque,

Acting Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Notice of Partially Closed 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 on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

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 (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).

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 on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Date: August 31, 2026.

Open: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: Opening Remarks, Administrative Matters, Director's Report, Presentations, and Other Business of the Council.

Closed: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Address: National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Kelly Y. Poe, Ph.D., Acting Director, Office of Extramural Research Administration, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Room 828, Bethesda, MD 20892, (240) 669-5036, kelly.poe@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: NIMHD: <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/about/advisory-council/>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: July 13, 2026.

Bruce A. George,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center For Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis; Panel Developmental and Regeneration Biology.

Date: August 6, 2026.

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Rass M. Shayiq, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2359, shayiqr@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Contracts: Animal Care and Laboratory Support Services to the Vaccine Research Center.

Date: August 10, 2026.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Zhuqing Li, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (240) 669-5068, zhuqing.li@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Contracts: Lung Health Program.

Date: August 10, 2026.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Nawazish Ali Naqvi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-7911, nawazish.naqvi@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Collaborative Research on Type 1 Diabetes.

Date: August 11, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Jolanta M. Topczewska, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr. Rm 710-E, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 867-5309, jolanta.topczewska@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel: Early Immune System Development and Ontogeny.

Date: August 11, 2026.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Andrew M. Wolfe, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr. Room 6214, Bethesda, MD 20892, andrew.wolfe@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Computational Neuroimaging.

Date: August 11, 2026.

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Aurea D. De Sousa, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-6829, aurea.desousa@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in HIV Molecular Virology, Cell Biology, and Drug Development.

Date: August 11, 2026.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Frank S. De Silva, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0000, fdesilva@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism.

Date: August 12, 2026.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Baskaran Thyagarajan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 800B, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 867-5309, thyagarajanb2@csr.nih.gov.

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Sterlyn H. Gibson,

Program Specialist, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2026-0373]

Certificates of Alternative Compliance for the Coast Guard Heartland District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.