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Does the NIH Want My Biosketch?

Dear Research Community,

With so many different personnel roles available for NIH applications, we often get questions about who needs to provide biosketches for NIH applications. Let's see what the NIH has to say about this.

Biosketch FAQ # 1 : Who Must complete a Biosketch?

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1. Who must complete a biosketch?

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For grant applications, biosketches must be provided for all individuals listed on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) form including **all senior/key personnel** and **other significant contributors (OSCs)**.

For Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs), biosketches are only required for new personnel who are designated as senior/key AND for whom a biosketch has not yet been provided.

Who are Key Personnel? Who are OSCs?

Below is an excerpt from GCO's [Glossary of Common Terms](#) We have excerpted these two definitions.

Senior / Key Personnel

The Principal Investigator (PI) and other individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of a project in a substantive, measurable way.

This is regardless of whether or not they receive salaries or compensation from the project. Typically these individuals have doctoral or other professional degrees, although individuals at the masters or baccalaureate level may be considered key personnel if their involvement meets this definition.

Consultants and those with a postdoctoral role also may be considered key personnel if they meet this definition.

"Zero percent" effort or "as needed" is not an acceptable level of involvement for key personnel.

Other Significant Contributors (OSCs)

A term only used by the NIH and other funding agencies in which it is explicitly stated in their policy. Individuals who have committed to contribute to the scientific development or execution of the project, but are not committing any specified measurable effort (i.e., person months) to the project. These individuals are typically presented at "effort of zero person months" or "as needed."

Individuals with measurable effort may not be listed as Other Significant Contributors (OSCs). Consultants should be included if they meet this definition.

Please contact the [GCO](#) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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