

# Upcoming NIH Changes

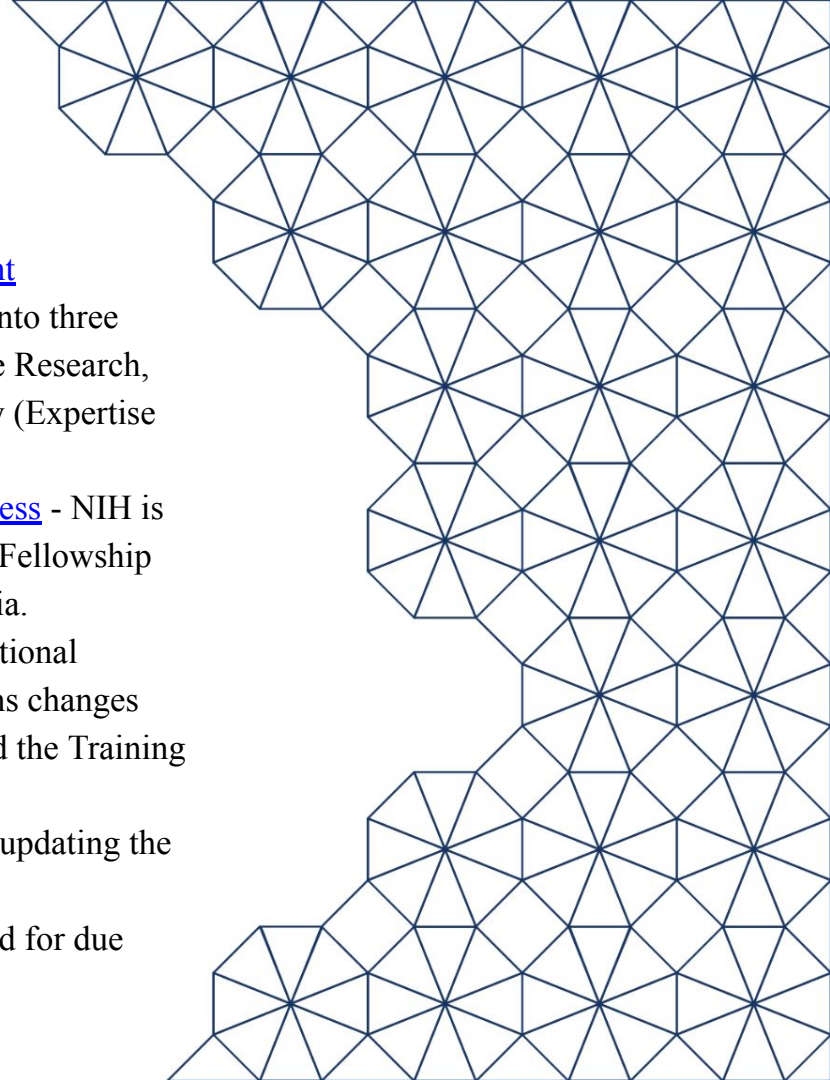
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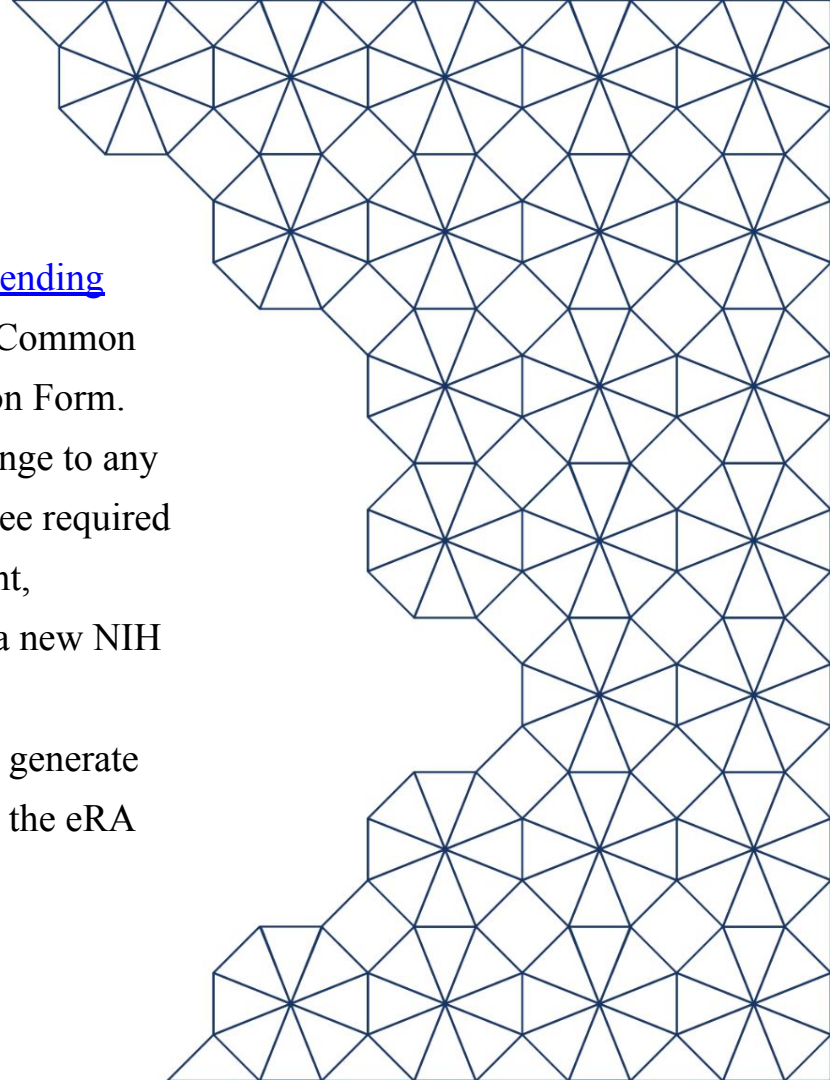
# Effective January 25, 2025

- [Simplified Review Framework for Most Research Project Grant Applications](#) –NIH is reorganizing the five regulatory criteria into three factors — two will receive numerical scores (Importance of the Research, Rigor and Feasibility) and one will be evaluated for sufficiency (Expertise and Resources).
- [Revisions to the NIH Fellowship Application and Review Process](#) - NIH is revising the fellowship review criteria and modifying the PHS Fellowship Supplemental Form to align with the restructured review criteria.
- [Updates to Institutional Training Grant Applications](#) - The National Research Service Award (NRSA) Training Program applications changes impact the PHS 398 Research Training Program Plan Form and the Training Data Tables.
- [Updates to Reference Letter Instructions for Referees](#) - NIH is updating the instructions for reference letters.
- [Updated Application Forms \(FORMS-I\)](#) – FORMS-I is required for due dates on or after January 25, 2025.



# Effective May 25, 2025

- [Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) –NIH is adopting the Biographical Sketch Common Form and the Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form.
  - NIH will implement the Common Forms without change to any collection fields. NIH plans to continue collecting three required agency specific data elements (i.e., Personal Statement, Contributions to Science, and Honors) separately on a new NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement.
  - Applicants/Recipients are required to use [SciENcv](#) to generate the Commons Forms and [linking](#) their [ORCID IDs](#) to the eRA Commons profiles.



# Resources for Upcoming NIH Changes

NIH Notice [NOT-OD-25-035](#): Reminder that Multiple Changes Affecting Extramural Applications and Review are Coming for Application Due Dates on or After January 25, 2025

NIH Extramural Nexus: [Preparing for 2025 Application and Review Changes – Tips and Resources](#)

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