# Changes to NIH Applications

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## **NIH Applications**

- Application changes made to coordinate with new review criteria
- All new or resubmission applications must use the new format as of

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#### **New Review Criteria**

- Significance
  - Does the project address an important problem or clinical barrier?
- Investigator(s)
  - Are the investigators well-suited? Established record?
- Innovation
  - Does it challenge/shift current paradigms?
- Approach
  - Is the plan well-reasoned and appropriate?
- Environment
  - Will the environment contribute to success?

### Research Plan Page Limits

- R01 grants –12 pages
- K (career dev) 12 pages
- R03, R21 6 pages

- One additional page allowed for Specific Aims
- Introductions for resubmissions/revisions limited to 1 page

# Research "Strategy"

- Old: Research Plan
  - Background and Significance
  - PreliminaryStudies/ProgressReport
  - Research Design and Methods

- New: Research Strategy
  - Significance
  - Innovation
  - Approach
    - Experimental Design
    - Preliminary Studies (new applications)
    - Progress Report (renewals/revisions)

## Other Changes

- Facilities and Other Resources requires description of how scientific environment contributes to probability of success of the project, unique features of the environment, etc.
- Experimental details should be cited using bibliography/references cited, NOT in Research Strategy. (Do not describe methods in body of grant)

# Biographical Sketch

- New Section A Personal Statement: Briefly describe why your expertise/qualifications make you well-suited for role on THIS project
- Peer-reviewed publication list limited to 15, chosen on basis of recency, importance to the field, and relevance to proposed research