

[Updated Timeline for Implementation of Key Actions in the NIH Peer Review System](#)

Applications submitted to the NIH for grants or cooperative agreements to support biomedical and behavioral research are evaluated for scientific and technical merit through the NIH peer review system. In June 2007, NIH initiated a formal, agency-wide effort to review the [NIH peer review system](#). After careful deliberation and consideration of the recommendations resulting from this year-long effort, an initial implementation timeline for enhancing peer review was announced earlier this year ([NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-08-118](#)). Below is the updated timeline for implementation of key actions in the NIH peer review system.

January 2009 Receipt Dates (FY2010 funding)	- Early Stage Investigator and New Investigator Policy (NOT-OD-09-013) - New NIH Policy on Resubmission (Amended) Applications (NOT-OD-09-003)
May 2009 Review Meetings (FY2010 funding)	-9-Point Scoring System -Formatted Reviewer Critiques -Scoring of Individual Review Criteria -Enhanced Review Criteria -Cluster New Investigator Applications During Review
January 2010 Receipt Dates (FY2011 funding)	-Shorter applications for R01s and Other Mechanisms - Restructured Applications to Align with Review Criteria

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