

Change, re-invention, re-organization, self-referral, new review criteria, no more R-29s, Blue Ribbon panels, no more -A3 applications, no more DRG, bigger NIH budgets? Tough to keep up even if you work in the system. Spending a few hours at this early morning session may save you some late nights later this year. We will review the NIH Website, and the searches you can perform which can help you cut through the red tape and target the best review panel and Institute programs for your specific needs. We will gauge the effects of the five new review criteria (Significance, Approach, Innovation, Investigator, and Environment) on study section behavior and grant writing strategy. The unique use of the NIH SBIR/STTR program for support of technology development will be addressed. Is there life after an -A2 application, or after streamlining? How do young investigators get noticed in an R01 world? What are your rights as an applicant? How do you deal with a possibly inappropriate review?

While grant writing will be discussed, this presentation will focus more directly on navigating through a system which receives some 40, 000 applications per year. Many of the strategies suggested are not necessarily described in official documents.