

NIH GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

This timetable is approximate, based on submission of unsolicited R01 applications.

Development, Receipt and Assignment of Applications

1st Month

2nd Month

3rd Month

4th Month

5th-6th Months

7th Month

8th Month

9th Month

10th Month

IRGs are commonly referred to as "Study Sections."

About 1% of research grant applications require project site visits.

About 50% of applications receive priority scores, which range from 100 (outstanding) to 500 (acceptable).

Summary statements are commonly referred to as "Pink Sheets."

Congressional representatives are alerted 72 hours before issuance of awards to institutions in their districts.

**Initial Review Group (IRG)
Review and Evaluation for Scientific Merit**

**Institute Advisory Board
Review for Program Relevance and Need and Institute Funding Determinations**

Award Negotiation and Issuance

