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The National Institutes of Health's Center for Scientific Review (CSR) today released a new video to show new applicants and others how NIH assesses over 80,000 grant applications each year to help find those with the most merit. With the majority of NIH's \$31 billion budget supporting grants to researchers, these assessments help ensure investments lead to significant advances in science and health.

"The video provides an inside look at the dynamic way reviewers evaluate NIH grant applications," said CSR Director Dr. Toni Scarpa. "You'll see the rigor and integrity of their efforts, which have enabled NIH to identify ground-breaking research year after year."

The NIH Peer Review Revealed video can be viewed and downloaded via CSR's website: <<http://www.csr.nih.gov/video/video.asp>>.

CSR also has released a companion video: NIH Tips for Applicants. In this video, the reviewers and NIH staff members featured in the NIH Peer Review Revealed video provide advice to new applicants.

Both videos incorporate many of the recent enhancements to the NIH peer review and grants systems. They replace a similar CSR video that has been viewed by thousands online and used by hundreds of research institutions across the country and abroad to train and educate new and established researchers.

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews - free from inappropriate influences - so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's website: <<http://www.csr.nih.gov>>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) -- The Nation's Medical Research Agency -- includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S.

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