



How to become a reviewer for common sponsors

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Federal Sponsors

Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)

- The ED OPE Higher Education Program Office seeks reviewers ('field readers') to evaluate discretionary grant applications, particularly for the Federal TRIO Programs (outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds).
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

- OJP actively seeks qualified individuals to join the pool of subject matter experts it calls upon to review the strengths and weaknesses of applications for grant funding. Reviewer selection is based on factors such as subject matter expertise, position/rank, geographic location, and prior experience as a reviewer.
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer by emailing [OJP Peer Review](mailto:OJPPeerReview)

Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

- The DOJ OJJDP invites researchers and practitioners with expertise related to juvenile justice to apply to serve as peer reviewers. Applicants should possess juvenile justice-related knowledge and experience, including: gangs, mentoring, girls' delinquency, children's exposure to violence, substance abuse, tribal juvenile justice, Internet crimes against children, and more.
- More about OJJDP [here](#); Apply by sending a current CV to OJPPeerReview@lmbps.com with "Peer Reviewer Candidate" in the subject line

Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

- The DOL ETA seeks a diverse pool of expertise, including from Institutions of Higher Education, to review applications along with federal staff.
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program

- Institute of International Education (IIE) seeks reviewers who possess the terminal degree in their field and who have at least five years' experience as a full-time faculty member (rank of Associate or higher is preferred). International experience may also be required.
- More information and steps for applying to become a reviewer [here](#)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- All professionals working in or knowledgeable about Health Care Services are invited to register in the Reviewer Recruitment Module database (RRM). In particular, HRSA seeks to recruit qualified reviewers with expertise in social, cultural or health care issues of rural, migrant or Native American populations.
- More information and apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

- IES seeks peer reviewers for both research grant peer review panels and for the review of reports to be published by IES. Potential reviewers are identified for specific review activities on the basis of the match between their expertise and experience and the review needs at any given time.
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS)

- IMLS seeks library and museum professionals who know the needs of communities, can share promising practices, and are well versed in the issues and concerns to serve as reviewers for competitive IMLS grants.
- More information and apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- NEA relies on panels composed of arts professionals and knowledgeable laypersons representing a broad range of artistic and cultural viewpoints, as well as wide geographic and ethnic diversity, to provide advice about the artistic excellence and artistic merit of proposals in a variety of funding categories. Panelists are selected based on their activities, training, skills, and/or experience in one or more art forms.
- More information and apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- NEH encourages scholars, cultural institution leaders, humanities center staff, and other experts interested in serving as a peer reviewer to apply via an on-line form.
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH occasionally engages active NIH researchers in ad hoc reviews. Individuals who possess expertise in areas supported by the NIH and who wish to volunteer to serve in the NIH peer review process should send an email to the Enhancing Peer Review mailbox (ReviewerVolunteer@mail.nih.gov) with their current biosketch and a brief (1-2 sentences) description of their areas of expertise in the body of the email.
- More information [here](#)

NIH Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program

- The NIH ECR Program provides opportunities for young investigators to become more competitive as grant applicants through first-hand experience with peer reviews. Applicants must be pre-tenure and have at least 2 years of experience as a full-time faculty member or researcher. Applicants must demonstrate an active, independent research program and have submitted a grant proposal as Principal Investigator to NIH.
- More information and apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

- NSF welcomes researchers, regardless of rank and previous funding, to seek opportunities to serve on review panels. NSF reviewer rosters are maintained for specific divisions and programs.
- More information [here](#); To apply, send an e-mail to the relevant NSF Program Officer(s) with a brief description of areas of expertise and a current 2-page CV

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- SAMHSA seeks reviewers with specific, documented experience in areas related to the current Requests for Applications. Reviewers are selected based program staff's review of on an online application form.
- More information [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Private Sponsors

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

- ACLS recruits reviewers with expertise across humanistic disciplines to evaluate fellowship and grant applications and select new cohorts of awardees. Reviewers include scholars, librarians, curators, public humanities leaders, and others whose perspectives and expertise allow them to identify promising research.
- More about ACLS [here](#); Apply to become a reviewer [here](#)

Spencer Foundation

- The Spencer Foundation manages their peer reviewers through the Foundation's portal. Potential reviewers indicate that they are willing to volunteer and their expertise in their personal profiles.
- More information about Spencer Foundation [here](#); Reviewer Portal [here](#)

