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NIH NRSA FELLOWSHIP CHILD CARE COSTS

By Jourden VanArsdall

Are you a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar currently funded through an NIH fellowship and pay for childcare costs? NIH announced in [NOT-OD-21-074](#) that childcare costs will be awarded to recipients of the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) as of April 8, 2021. NIH allows \$2,500 per 12-month budget period to help defray the costs of childcare. The funds will apply to any full-time NIH-NRSA fellowship utilizing a licensed childcare provider for children under the age of 13 or to children who are disabled under the age of 18. Submit a [proposal request form](#) if you are a current fellow who would like to submit an administrative supplement to request this support during your fellowship.

NIH SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PROCESS

By Theresa Couch

Ever wonder what happens during peer review? NIH has published a [Mock Study Section video](#) as an example of how peer review works and how applications are reviewed and scored. This video may help you anticipate some of the questions and topics reviewers are likely to consider during review. This video was originally recorded as part of the 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar, and more videos from the seminar can be found [online](#).

ERA COMMONS ID REQUIRED FOR ALL INVESTIGATORS

By Theresa Couch

Beginning January 2022, all named senior/key personnel in an NIH proposal must have a valid eRA Commons ID. Currently, only [PD/PIs](#), sponsors, and project leads are required to have a Commons ID in an application. This requirement is intended to improve data and better identify conflicts of interest in peer review. Please see [NOT-OD-21-109](#) for more information.

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