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NIH: Do Reviewers Read References? And If So, Does It Impact Their Scores?

On the NIH Extramural News page, Mike Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research posted a blog exploring whether references cited on grant applications impact funding results in the eyes of the reviewers.

Reaching out to 1,000 randomly selected CSR reviewers who handled applications in January 2018, the survey focused on whether reviewers looked up references (internal references) included in the application as well as references not included (external references). Based on responses, follow up questions were then asked to better ascertain the importance of the cited references to the reviewers.

Read the full article [here](#), inclusive of diagrams representing the findings.

External Funding Opportunity

National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

Agency Name:

United States Department of the Interior (DOI)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Deadline: June 29, 2018

Estimated Total Program Funding: Upper \$1,000,000
Lower \$25,000

The Service expects that approximately \$17 million will be available for grants through the NCWCG Program in FY 2019. Awards typically range from \$125,000 (there is no specific minimum) to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

Expected Number of Awards: 20

Cost Share/Match Requirement: Yes

Grant Contact Information: See the [Full Announcement](#)



The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (Title III, Section 301, Public Law 101-646, 16 U.S.C. 3951-3956) (Act) established the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NCWCG) Program to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal areas through competitive matching grants to eligible State agencies. The Program is funded by revenues collected from excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar, import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft, and a portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines. Revenues are deposited into and appropriated from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The primary goal of the NCWCG Program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94) authorizes funding for the NCWCG Program through Fiscal Year 2021.



Congratulations Internal Award Recipients

Congratulations to all of the [Fiscal Year 18 Internal Award Recipients](#). We wish you much success with your projects and look forward to your final reports detailing your outcomes.

Call for Proposals

Apply via the [Online Application Internal Award System](#).

CDC FY19 –

- This funding opportunity is for tenured faculty with priority given to those assessed in the current year.
- Average award is \$1,500.
- The applications are due no later than 5:00pm, May 18, 2018.

Provost Faculty Opportunities Fund FY19 (Fall 2018 Semester)

- Support for travel to conferences, student assistant, professional services or supplies related to scholarship in 2020 Initiatives.
- Cap per funded applicant is \$2,000.
- The applications are due no later than 5:00pm, May 30, 2018.

Submitting An External Funding Proposal?

To ensure that proper time and attention is given to external proposal preparation, the ORSP recommends that all administrative items in their final version with placeholders for the final science/narrative be sent to the ORSP by 12pm noon five (5) business days prior to the sponsor deadline. The proposal in its final form for submission to the sponsor, including the final science/narrative, is due to the ORSP by 12pm noon two (2) business days prior to the sponsor deadline. Once the ORSP has reviewed the proposal, a request for any changes to the administrative and/or scientific components of the proposal in line with all university and sponsor policies may be made. All requested changes must be completed and returned to the ORSP by 5pm, one (1) day prior to the sponsor deadline.

The ORSP is not responsible for last minute changes, other than those requested by the ORSP, that the investigator may make to the proposal within 24 hours prior to the deadline, or any adverse impact such changes may have on the proposal submission.

Did you know?

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs offers a page dedicated solely to Proposal Development on our website. There a Principal Investigator can find many of the resources and tools needed to prepare a successful proposal for funding, such as:

- [Key elements of a proposal](#)
- [Institutional Description](#)
- [Institutional Facts](#)
- [Developing Project Objectives](#)
- [Developing a budget](#)
- [Budget Template](#)
- [Project Idea Worksheet](#)
- Transmittal & Approval - [Internal Approval form](#)
- [Contract Procedures](#)
- [Concept paper and LOI guidance](#)
- [Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#)

Contact the ORSP at extension 4844 with any questions regarding the proposal development process.

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