

Cracking the Code

Deciphering Other Support Requirements



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Other Support Definition

Other Support includes, but is not limited to:

- *Resources and/or financial support* from all foreign and domestic entities, that are available to the researcher. This includes but is not limited to, financial support for laboratory personnel, and provision of high-value materials that are not freely available (e.g., biologics, chemical, model systems, technology, etc.). Institutional resources, such as core facilities or shared equipment that are made broadly available, should not be included in Other Support, but rather listed under Facilities and Other Resources.
- *Consulting agreements*: Consulting activities that involve research and fall outside of an individual's appointment, separate from institution's agreement, must be disclosed as Other Support.
- *In-kind contributions*, e.g., office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, or employees or students supported by an outside source. If the time commitment or dollar value of the in-kind contribution is not readily ascertainable, the recipient must provide reasonable estimates.

Other Support Does Not Include

Training awards

Prizes

Gifts

Start-up support
provided to the
individual by the
applicant organization

Consulting activities
where the PD/PI or
other senior/key
personnel is *not*
conducting research

Other Support Format (current)

PHS OTHER SUPPORT For All Application Types – DO NOT SUBMIT UNLESS REQUESTED

There is no "form page" for reporting Other Support. Information on Other Support should be provided in the format shown below.

*Name of Individual:
Commons ID:

Other Support – Project/Proposal

*Title:

*Major Goals:

*Status of Support:

Project Number:

Name of PD/PI:

*Source of Support:

*Primary Place of Performance:

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available):

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs):

* Person Months (Calendar/Academic/Summer) per budget period.

Year (YYYY)	Person Months (##.##)
1. [enter year 1]	
2. [enter year 2]	
3. [enter year 3]	
4. [enter year 4]	
5. [enter year 5]	

IN-KIND

*Summary of In-Kind Contribution:

*Status of Support:

*Primary Place of Performance:

Project/Proposal Start and End Date (MM/YYYY) (if available):

*Person Months (Calendar/Academic/Summer) per budget period

Year (YYYY)	Person Months (##.##)
1. [enter year 1]	
2. [enter year 2]	
3. [enter year 3]	
4. [enter year 4]	
5. [enter year 5]	

*Estimated Dollar Value of In-Kind Information:

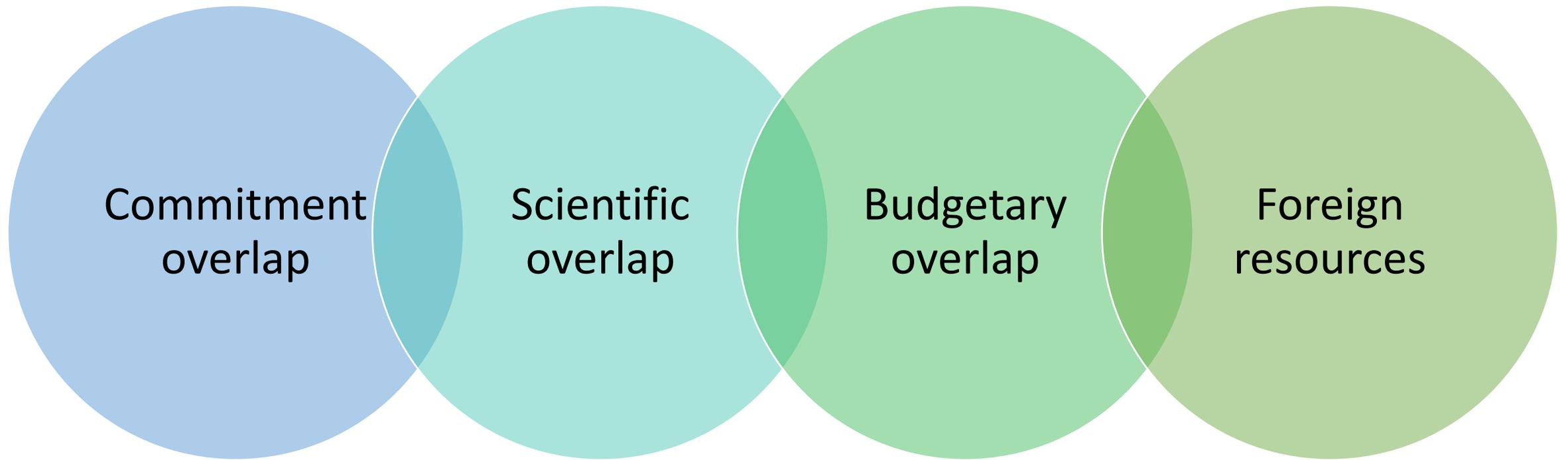
***Overlap** (summarized for each individual):

I, PD/PI or other senior/key personnel, certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and accept the obligation to comply with Public Health Services terms and conditions if a grant is awarded as a result of this application. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

*Signature: _____

Date: _____

How does NIH review Other support



Commitment Overlap

- No matter how productive a person is they'll never have more than twelve months in a year (unless they work at a VA)
- Wait, that's getting funded? And other things you sometimes learn when OS is rejected
- Commitment in original submitted application unless
 - De-Scope with revised effort as part of JIT
 - Revised effort via stand-alone prior approval
 - Revised effort via previous RPPR request
- What's the plan for resolution?
 - Is prior approval needed to resolve?
 - Activity Code or Institute minimum level restrictions?

Commitment Overlap

Special Case K Awards

- K Awards have both a research project component and a career development component.
- Applying for and receiving research grants is part of career development.
- *Mentored K recipients are encouraged to apply for additional research grants during the tenure of their K award (see [Concurrent Support](#) below). Mentored CDA recipients are allowed to devote complementary effort without salary support on other research grants that include related research between the CDA and the research grant. In such cases where there is scientific overlap, the percent effort on the research grant is subsumed within the required effort of the CDA. However, there should not be significant duplication of the scope of the research supported by the CDA. Further, the related research must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the CDA. [12.3.6 Level of Effort \(nih.gov\)](#)*

Commitment Overlap

Special Case VA-University Affiliations

- *Investigators with joint appointments at a VAMC (VA hospital) and an affiliated university must have a valid MOU that specifies (at both the university and the VAMC) the title of the investigator's appointment, distribution of compensation, the responsibilities of the proposed investigator, and the percentage of effort available for research at each institution. The MOU must be signed by the appropriate officials of the recipient and the VAMC, and must be updated with each significant change of the investigator's responsibilities or distribution of effort and, without a significant change, not less than annually. The joint VA/university appointment of the investigator constitutes 100 percent of their **total professional responsibilities**. However, NIH will recognize such a joint appointment only when a university and an affiliated VA hospital are the parties involved. [17.3 VA-University Affiliations \(nih.gov\)](#)*

Scientific Overlap



Scientific Overlap occurs when **substantially** similar research is proposed in more than one application; is submitted to two or more different funding sources for review and funding consideration; or a specific research objective and the experimental design for accomplishing that objective are the same or closely related in two or more pending applications or awards, regardless of funding source.



While there is no administrative requirement that the science in an application be substantively different from any previously reviewed submission, applicants are not allowed to have duplicates or highly overlapping applications under review at the same time, per [2.3.7.4. Submission of Resubmission Application](#).

Budgetary Overlap

- **Budget Overlap** occurs when duplicate or equivalent budgetary items (e.g., equipment, salary) are requested in an application but are already funded by another source.
- Be clear about suggested solutions for potential budget overlap
- Consulting arrangements should be estimates for the amount paid, rather than time and effort reflected in calendar months. (not included in person month calculations)
- Institutional resources Core facilities, shared equipment, and other shared services are considered broadly available, and recipients do not need to disclose in Other Support.
- When in doubt, err on the side of disclosure

Foreign Resources

- a) Does the relationship affect the integrity of the research by impacting established professional norms and ethical principles in the performance of all activities related to scientific research? In answering this question, institutions should consider the following factors:
 - a) The “relationship” could be with a collaborator, an outside employer, an external appointment relationship, etc.
 - b) The “impact” could be real or apparent
 - c) The “compensation” could be of any type or level; NIH has not established a de minimis level of compensation and considers all types of support, in-kind or otherwise.
- b) Is there potential overlap in any of the following areas?
 - a. Scientific
 - b. Budgetary
 - c. Commitment
- c) Is there a potential Financial Conflict of Interest?

Recent changes and what's coming

- This Guide Notice informs the extramural community of NIH's adoption of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and **Current and Pending (Other) Support** to be used with all applications and Research Performance Progress Report(s) (RPPRs) by May 25, 2025.
- [NOT-OD-24-163](#)

SciENcv and Common Forms

- Developed by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) which is a component of the National Library of Medicine/NIH in Collaboration with the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP)
- First Adopted by NSF
- Multiple other agencies plan to implement

NIH Common Forms Timeline



If your intended application due date or RPPR submission is?	You must...
<p data-bbox="84 582 555 615">On or before May 24, 2025, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="137 654 970 868" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="137 654 970 686">• Applications submitted for due dates on or before May 24, 2025.<li data-bbox="137 696 970 772">• Applications submitted under NIH Late Policy 2-week window of consideration for intended due dates on or before May 24, 2025.<li data-bbox="137 782 970 868">• Applications submitted by June 1, 2025, under NIH Continuous Submission Policy for the May 7, 2025, AIDS intended due date.	<p data-bbox="1090 582 2397 658">Continue using the current NIH Biosketch and Other Support format pages for applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) and RPPRs.</p>
<p data-bbox="84 943 537 976">On or after May 25, 2025, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="137 1015 1047 1172" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="137 1015 1047 1048">• Applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2025.<li data-bbox="137 1058 1047 1090">• All application types (New, Resubmission, Renewal, Revision).<li data-bbox="137 1100 1047 1172">• Applications submitted early for intended due dates on or after May 25, 2025.	<p data-bbox="1090 943 2364 1019">Use the Common Forms (i.e., Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending (Other) Support) and NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement along with the updated instructions for applications, JIT and RPPRs.</p>

NIH Common Forms Implementation Open Items

- How will awards held through non-applicant organizations for Investigators with Multiple Research Appointments be handled in both the Other Support instructions and forms?
- Will an API/Web Service interface with SciENCv be available prior to May 2025?

Useful tips

- When determining committed months include both sponsored programs already awarded and those reasonably anticipated to be funded.
- If a K award is involved, be sure to carefully consider whether the other awards are in or out of scope of the K and use the magic word “subsumed” when appropriate.
- When effort reductions are needed, pay attention to which require prior approval and which awards may have inflexible minimum effort requirements

Useful links and resources

- [Other support format](#)
- [Other Support Example](#)
- https://youtu.be/eGyHX85DIcE?si=skmNOeZpGPE10_hxv
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK154494/>