

# The ENIGMATIC Review PROCESS

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# What happens after you submit your application?

## Division of Receipt and Referral Center of Scientific Review (at CSR)

- Check for completeness
- Determine area of research
- Assign an identification number
- Assign a grant number
- Assign application to specific NIH IC
  - Cover Letter
  - RFA

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **Letters of Intent (LOI)**
  - **Why a LOI is helpful to you?**
- **Selection of expert reviewers:**
  - **3 reviewers per application.**
- **GEMSSTAR Review Meeting**
  - **How are applications reviewed?**
    - **Preliminary scores; Discussion; Final Scores.**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **Discussed vs Not Discussed (ND): *Why some applications are ND?***
  - **Multiple factors: RFA, number of applications; lowest scores.**
  - **Agreement by review panel:**
    - **“Rescuing” an application.**
  - **ND applications receive a summary statement without a resume of the panel discussion.**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **Dos and Don'ts**
  - **Write clear specific aims; understandable by the entire panel of varied expertise.**
  - **Do not get bogged down with details or acronyms of your specific specialty or research area.**
  - **Follow directions (*font, margins, appendix, hyperlinks rules, etc.*).**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

## What about the Professional Development Plan (PDP)?

- **PDP is not considered in the R03 score.**
- **But the reviewers are asked to read it and provide comments about it.**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **When will the scores be released?**
  - **Within up to 3 days after the review meeting.**
- **When will summary statement (SS) be released?**
  - **Up to 6 weeks after the review meeting.**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **When to contact the SRO?**
  - **After you submit your application until you receive the SS.**
- **When “not” to contact the Program Officer (PO)?**
  - **After you submit your application, and before you receive your SS.**

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

What can you submit after the deadline?

Post-submission material:

- => 30 days before the date of the review.
- Who should submit it?
- Why 30 days or more?

Notice NOT-OD-10-083 (2/15/2019):

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-083.html>

Additional Exception (due to COVID-19):

- Accepting preliminary data as post-submission materials has been extended to the May 2021 Council round

Notice: NOT-OD-20-163

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-163.html>

# GEMSSTAR Review Process

- **Appendix information:**

- No publications or other material, with the exception of blank questionnaires or blank surveys, may be included in the Appendix.

*(RFA-AG-21-023: Section IV. Application and Submission Information)*

- **GEMSSTAR information you will need:**

- **Read the RFA:**

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-21-023.html>

- **Read the NIA GEMSSTAR webpage:**

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/dgcn/grants-early-medical-surgical-specialists-transition-aging-research-gemsstar>

- **Talk to your PO.**

# Good luck!

