Inside the IRP

Our Review Process: A Step-by-Step Guide

The Intramural Research Program (IRP) is the nation's biomedical research enterprise, with 1,100 Principal Investigators and more than 4,000 postdoctoral fellows conducting basic, translational, and clinical research. To ensure that only the most outstanding research is funded, IRP researchers are evaluated both on accomplishments since their last review and on proposed plans for future research.

IRP researchers are reviewed using a rigorous set of evaluation criteria:













Training

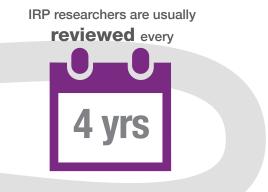


Productivity





entirety of their research program



IRP researchers are reviewed on the



IRP researchers are reviewed by

Boards of Scientific Counselors (BSCs),

external individuals with outstanding scientific credentials who are committed to providing rigorous, objective reviews



Scientific experts conduct in-person site visits

to evaluate the quality of work of the individual Principal Investigator



The Principal Investigator may also be evaluated in the context of the overall portfolio of the Institute or Center



Final BSC recommendations are presented to the Scientific Director (SD), who reports these to the NIH Deputy Director for Intramural Research (DDIR) and the Institute Council. Subsequently, the SD determines

funding levels, staffing, and promotions



Rigorous reviews are critical for planning and to ensure that only the most outstanding research

is funded. If a program fails to meet

