



Which CSR Study Section Should I Request to Review My SBIR/STTR Proposal?

NIH gives you the option of determining the most appropriate CSR Study Section to review your proposal. How do you determine which Study Section is the best one for you?

NIH's [Center for Scientific Review](#) (CSR) is the single receiving point for all NIH applications. CSR assigns applications to the [Scientific Review Group](#) (aka "Study Section") deemed most aligned with the content of your research proposal. Recurring Special Emphasis Panels (SEPs) review SBIR/STTR applications, and the reviewers generally make a three year commitment to be available for a Study Section. Accordingly, a panel in one cycle generally contains quite a few members from the previous cycle. A listing of the Study Sections for the previous three SBIR review cycles is available on CSR's website.

Look at the roster for the Study Section(s) that seem most appropriate for your technology. Although the make-up of your panel will not be identical, there will be some overlap.

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CV/PC-C (10)	Small Business: Cardiovascular Sciences	Chandler, Margaret
CVRS-H (11)	Small Business: Respiratory Sciences	Dirami, Ghenima
DKUS-N (10)	Small Business: Digestive Sciences	Garcia, Martha
DKUS-N (11)	Small Business: Nephrology	Garcia, Martha
EMNR-S (10)	Small Business: Endocrinology and Reproduction	Hardy, Dianne
ETTN-A (10)		
ETTN-C (10)		
ETTN-G (12)		
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HDM-K (10)		
HDM-Q (10)	Healthcare Delivery Methodology: Quorum	Drgon, Tomas
HDM-R (11)	RFA Panel PA13-234: Healthcare Delivery Methodology	Jenkins, Melinda
IDM-U (10)	Small Business: Non-HIV Anti-Infective Therapeutics	Izumi, Kenneth
IDM-V (12)	Small Business: Non-HIV Diagnostics, Food Safety, Sterilization/Disinfection and Bioremediation	Pandya, Gagan

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You will want to research the backgrounds and publications of the previous members and their affiliate organizations to provide some perspective on their expertise and how they might view your proposal. If the Study Section is missing a particular skill that you believe is needed to appropriately review your proposal, you are permitted to request inclusion of someone with that specific expertise in your review panel. You may also request that specific individuals or companies be excluded from the review if you note a specific reason for your request. However, applicants are not allowed to ask that specific individuals or companies be included in their review panel. NIH makes the final determination of which Study Section will receive your proposal, but they generally honor the request that you make.

How and where do you request a study section?

In previous cycles this request was made in your cover letter, but from September 2016 this can be done in the new [PHS Assignment Request Form](#).

Remember that study sections are entirely separate (and independent) from the NIH Institute that will eventually fund your project, but if you're struggling to find the best study group, you can always ask your NIH program director for their advice.