

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

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So how do you determine which Study Section is the best for you? Get started by looking at the roster for the Study Section(s) that seems most appropriate for your technology. Although the make-up of your panel will not be identical, there will be some overlap.

Roster Index for Small Business and Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Study Section

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IDM-U (10)	Small Business: Non-HIV Anti-Infective Therapeutics	Izumi, Kenneth														
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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.

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.

How and where do you request a study section? If you are using the Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking, or ASSIST, (which we highly recommend) to submit your proposal, use the [PHS Assignment Request Form](#). If you are using downloadable forms you will need to make the request in your cover letter. [Contact BBCetc](#), if you have questions.