

Research Support information on NIH BIOSKETCHES and OTHER SUPPORT documents: What is the difference?

Please check the PHS398 (rev. 11/07) instructions as well as the Biosketch sample and Other Support sample provided in the PHS398 (rev. 11/07) forms.

BIOSKETCH: This document is about the PI

"C. Research Support" information on a NIH biosketch **never** includes funding amounts, or effort amounts. (This helps to avoid the possibility of prejudicing scientific reviewers.) This info may look the same as the Other Support document, but it is not used in the same way.

Only research that is currently active or that has been completed in the last 3 years is reported here (no pending applications, no overlap statements).

This information can be selective--the PI can choose which active or completed grants to include; this is an opportunity to highlight any accomplishments.

When biosketches are limited to 2 pages by an RFA or PA, the "C. Research Support" section must still be included unless the RFA/PA says to leave it out. This is true even when Other Support documentation is also required--they are used for different purposes.

OTHER SUPPORT: This document provides compliance information. **This information is kept up-to-date by the AA for the PI;** info for the Pending section is in the PI's pending applications; info for current/active grants is found in the Award Notices that PI's and AA's receive from the Biochem office.

Research Support information for the Other Support document includes

ALL active grants., and

ALL pending grants, and

an OVERLAP statement at the end of Active and Pending information for that PI (either indicating None, or providing the necessary explanation). This means only one overlap statement per person that includes all necessary explanations.

Other Support research information **always** provides annual direct costs and the total effort commitment in calendar months (e.g.: 1.2 calendar).

The overlap statement will explain:

(1) What the PI plans to do if all pending grants are awarded and that situation puts the effort commitment over 100%; that is, in which grants will the PI reduce his effort, and by how much.

(2) If there is scientific overlap between pending awards or between a pending and an active award, what will the PI do to resolve this overlap if the pending applications are awarded? (For example: if two overlapping pending applications are awarded, the PI will only accept one of them.)

The agency looks at:

(a) Scientific overlap: is the scientific project of the application that's under consideration already being funded by another agency?

(b) Budgetary overlap: can also be scientific or effort overlap (e.g., a postdoc is paid for 100% effort on two different projects).

(c) Effort overlap: PI may not exceed 100% effort—UCSF limits this amount to 95%.

JIT requests for Other Support: Include complete other research support information for all key personnel listed on the pending grant, starting with the PI's information; this can all be in one document. Do not include the pending application that is under consideration--for which the JIT is requested. Fellowships are not included (UCSF considers these awards training support, not research support).