

Resources for F30 and F31 NIH Fellowship Applications

- **Decision Tool: Am I Doing Human Subjects Research?**

The NIH Office of Extramural Research has developed a quick decision tool that should assist you with determining if your research involves human subjects, may be considered exempt from Federal regulations, or is not considered human subjects research. Please note that, while helpful, this tool should not be used as the sole determination of exemption. If you still have questions, please consult with your mentor or contact your OSRA Specialist.

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/hs-decision.htm>

- **Vertebrate Animals Section**

The following guidance is provided to assist applicants and offerors in preparing the Vertebrate Animals Section (VAS) for submission to the NIH, and to assist reviewers in evaluating the VAS of applications and proposals. Here you will find an overview of the requirements, a checklist for applicants and reviewers, detailed instructions, and responsibilities of applicants, reviewers, and NIH staff.

<https://olaw.nih.gov/guidance/vertebrate-animal-section.htm>

- **Reference Letter Submission Process**

Some types of programs, such as fellowships and some career development awards, require the submission of reference letters by the referee. Referees must submit these letters by the application deadline in order to be considered as part of the application. Applications that have fewer than the required numbers of reference letters will not be reviewed.

Resubmission applications require referees to submit updated reference letters.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/submission-process/reference-letters.htm>

- **Format Attachments**

NIH applications must follow page limits and formatting guidelines. This links provides a detailed overview of the formatting requirements for Font, Page, Margins, etc.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/format-and-write/format-attachments.htm>

- **Samples of F31 Fellowships**

These applications do not reflect new requirements that accompanied FORMS-F in 2020. Keep in mind, you must also follow the instructions in a given funding opportunity announcement (FOA) in conjunction with the application guide to prepare your application.

If instructions conflict, the FOA supersedes any and all other guidance.

“The Immunological Consequences of Mouse Cytomegalovirus on Adipose Tissue”

Nico Contreras, University of Arizona

- [Summary Statement](#)
- [Full Application](#)

“The Impact of Innate Immune Recognition of Staphylococcus Aureus on Bone Homeostasis and Skeletal Immunity”

Nicole Putnam, Vanderbilt University

- [Summary Statement](#)
- [Full Application](#)

“Regulation of 2'-5'-Oligoadenylate Synthetase 1 (OAS1) by dsRNA”

Samantha Lynne Schwartz, Emory University

- [Summary Statement](#)
- [Full Application](#)