

Customer Satisfaction for Host Institutions

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For purpose of this survey, the term "candidate" refers to the exceptional junior scientist that applies as the principal investigator with a host institution.

Section I. Recruitment and selection of candidates

1. How did your institution learn about the Early Independence Award (EIA) program? Please check all that apply.
 - Dr. Collins' article in *Nature*
 - The NIH website (webpage, e-newsletter posting, blog, etc.)
 - An NIH-sponsored listserv email or notice
 - NIH news release
 - Posted announcement in the NIH Nexus
 - Posted announcement through the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) listservs
 - Attended an NIH-sponsored presentation at the annual meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR)
 - Attended an NIH-sponsored presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Research Administrators (SRA)
 - Attended an NIH-sponsored presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) _____
 - Your institution's listserv email or notice
 - A notice from a professional society
 - Other (please specify): _____
2. How did your institution recruit potential candidates within and/or outside the institution?
3. How many internal candidates sought to receive support for the EIA program at your institution? _____
4. How many external candidates applied at your institution to receive support for the EIA program? _____
5. What were your institution's selection criteria (e.g., publication records, active pending support, high-risk and innovative research, collaborative approach, scientific area, institution priorities, references, awards and honors, leadership, etc.)?
6. What was the process by which your institution selected candidate(s)? Include key challenges.
7. Is your institution considering changes to the recruitment and selection process in the future? If so, please list the changes being considered.
8. What challenges do you anticipate the position/appointment created by the EIA program may pose for your institution?
9. What plans does your institution have for your candidate(s) if they do not receive an NIH Award (e.g., provide institutional funds as an independent fellow; connect with a mentor for a traditional post-doc, enroll in clinical fellowship, etc.)?

Section II. NIH EIA Grant Application

10. What challenges did your institution encounter in preparing the content of the NIH grant application to comply with the RFA instructions for the EIA program?

Section III. Suggestions

11. Would your institution be willing to support more than two Early Independent PIs if allowed?
12. How can the current method of host institutions and candidates seeking and selecting each other be improved?
13. What are alternative methods for matching host institutions and candidates that might be more effective than the current method? Examples may include, awarding grants to institutions which then find suitable candidates, or allowing NIH to match host institutions and candidates.
14. How could NIH improve the EIA program (e.g., eligibility requirements, RFA instructions, letters of recommendations, review criteria, length of time, size and number of awards, etc.) to make it more attractive to your institution?