

Key Changes to NIH Biosketch Effective Jan 25, 2026

- You **MUST** use **SciENCv** to generate your NIH Biosketch.



- You **MUST** have an **ORCID ID** and link it to your eRA Commons

- Enter ORCID ID into “Identifying Information, Organization and Location;” you **cannot save changes** if that field is blank.



- Select “**NIH Biographical Sketch Common Form**” from the drop-down menu in SciENCv.
 - DO NOT** choose “NIH Biosketch” - this is the old form and does not meet the new NIH requirements.

- You are **ONLY** allowed to cite up to 5 “Products Closely Related to the Project” (including publications), and up to 5 “Other Significant Products Highlighting Contributions to Science.”



- You are still allowed up to **5 contributions to science**, which you enter into text boxes (new **2,000 character limit** per contribution). You may refer back to the “Other Significant Products” that you listed in section C, but you are **not allowed to cite additional publications** within the contribution to science section.

Certification

- You may “**VIEW DRAFT**” to view/check – this is HIGHLY recommended, to check for formatting errors/issues that you might need to adjust.
- When ready to submit, hit “**DOWNLOAD PDF**” (available at the top/right and under Certification). **The PI will need to hit “Certify” in the popup window, before your final PDF will download.**
- Please note that the PI themselves need to be logged in to SciENCv to complete the certification process (**not a delegate**).