



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; NIH Extramural Harassment Web Form (Office of the Director, Office of Extramural Research)

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to provide opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director (OD) Office of Extramural Research (OER) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project contact: Dr. Patricia Valdez, Chief Extramural Research Integrity Officer, Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Dr, Room 705-C, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892 or call non-toll-free number (301) 451-2160 or E-mail your request, including your address to: patricia.valdez@nih.gov. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires: written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Collection Title: NIH Extramural Harassment Web Form, OMB #0925-0777, Expiration Date 3/31/2026 –Extension, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of the Director (OD), Office of Extramural Research (OER).

Need and Use of Information Collection: This is an extension request for the Harassment web form which assists extramural institutions with complying with Section 239 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103), Division H, Title II, which requires that “institutions that receive funds through a grant or cooperative agreement during fiscal year 2022 and in future years to notify the Director when individuals identified as a principal investigator or as key personnel in an NIH notice of award are removed from their position or are otherwise disciplined due to concerns about harassment, bullying, retaliation, or hostile working conditions.” The Harassment Web Form is used as a secure and confidential portal by which notification is provided by the recipient institution's Authorized Organization Representative within 30 days of the removal or disciplinary action, as required by the NIH Grants Policy Statement, Section 8.1.2.6. All required notifications must include, at a minimum, the name of the Authorized Organization Representative submitting the notification, the name of the individual of concern, a description of the concerns, the action(s) taken, and any anticipated impact on the NIH-funded award(s).

OMB approval is requested for an additional 3 years. There are no costs to respondents

other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 60.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondents	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Per Response (in hours)	Total Annual Burden Hours
Private Sector (grant recipients)	140	1	15/60	35
Individuals (general public not in administrative role)	100	1	15/60	25
TOTAL		240		60

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