The **NINDS Office of Research Quality** is dedicated to promoting experimental and analytical rigor, measures to reduce unconscious bias, transparent reporting, and high-quality scientific research.

NINDS Applicant Guidelines for Rigor

NINDS provides guidance to grant applicants on how to improve the quality of NINDS-supported research through rigorous study design and transparent reporting. [Visit this guidance page](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality) for more information on how to design and report studies so that the scientific community can assess the quality of scientific findings and peer reviewers can advise appropriately on scientific merit.

Are you a Rigor Champion?

As described in this [publication](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality), rigor champions are enthusiastic individuals who want to drive improvements in rigorous research practices, transparent reporting, and comprehensive education. [Learn more about this grassroots effort and resources!](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality)

Want to learn more? Get in touch!

NINDS calls for interested members of the scientific community to identify themselves as champions for scientific rigor and to share resources. Join the conversation by checking out the following:

- **Check out our website**
- **Follow us on Twitter**
- **Join our Rigor Champions Slack**

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### Initiative to Improve Training in the Principles of Rigorous Research

NINDS has launched a [new initiative to improve training in the principles of rigorous research](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality). Companion funding opportunities are supporting the creation, evaluation, and dissemination of a user-friendly, adaptable, and openly accessible educational resource to promote awareness, understanding, and utilization of the principles of rigorous research.

**Educational Resource:**
- Creating an Educational Nexus for Training in Experimental Rigor ([FOA](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality) and [Awardee](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality))
  - Learn more at [Booth 3004](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality)

**Educational Units:**
- Materials to Enhance Training in Experimental Rigor ([FOA](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality) and [Awardees](https://www.ninds.nih.gov/current-research/trans-agency-activities/ninds-office-research-quality))
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