Guidance on Creating an NIH Biosketch using the New Format Required as of May 25th, 2015.

The key features of the *new* NIH Biosketch format are:
- The page limit is five pages;
- It allows descriptions of *up to five* of the most significant contributions to science;
- It allows researchers to outline the central findings of prior work and the influence of those findings on the investigator's field for each contribution;
- It provides the opportunity for investigators to describe their specific role(s) in the work;
- It permits a listing of *up to four* relevant peer-reviewed publications or other non-publication research products to accompany each contribution;
- It allows for a URL to a full list of the investigator's published work (*not* required at this time).

Fellowships: Applicants of Fellowships are required to use a Fellowship-specific format, which contains a different set of instructions and a section for applicants to include their scholastic performance.

Two options for creating the Biosketch:
- Manually, using a Word template (see below); or
- Online using SciENcv. SciENcv is *not* required at this time, however, is strongly encouraged. It will allow you to auto-populate information and save multiple versions for different circumstances. At this time, the Fellowship-specific format is not available in SciENcv.

Resources:
- New Biosketch Forms and Samples (includes standard and Fellowship formats)
- FAQs
- The Science Experts Network (SciENcv)
- 3-minute video tutorial on SciENcv

Manual creation of Biosketch using Microsoft Word template:
- Follow the instructions and samples provided in the link above
- If creating a URL to a full list of published work, you can use MyBibliography of MyNCBI, or any publicly available digital database. To locate the URL in MyBibliography:
  - Log into MyNCBI at http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/, using eRA Commons ID and password
  - Go to MyBibliography, and make the bibliography *public*. Making it *public* creates the URL and makes the bibliography accessible. The bibliography is only accessible to those whom you share the URL. *Public* does not mean it is found by search engines, such as Google. See screen shot below.