

MOCK NIH STUDY SECTION

K & R Series Grants

Ready to demystify how NIH grants are evaluated?

The CCTS Mock Study Section Series gives you an insider's view of the grant review process—this year, with a two-part approach that puts you first in the reviewer's seat, then lets you observe the real-time dynamics of a study section discussion. Nothing beats hands-on experience with the NIH review process.

Whether you're preparing your first application or mentoring early-career faculty, this series helps you sharpen your grant-writing strategy by understanding what reviewers really look for.

Be the reviewer in August, observe the process in September.

All sessions presented via Zoom.



August Sessions:

Sit In The Driver's Seat – Be the Reviewer

Step into the role of an NIH study section reviewer. Participants will receive materials in advance and be guided through a simulated scoring and critiquing of a previously-submitted K or R01 application. You'll apply NIH review criteria, develop summary statements, and learn how reviewers formulate and communicate feedback.

- **K Grant Review:** Aug. 18, 2026, 1-2:30pm | Facilitator: Dr. Lisa Jackson
- **R01 Grant Review:** Aug. 19, 2026, 2-3:30pm | Facilitator: Dr. Martin Young



September Sessions:

Be the Fly On the Wall – Observe a Study Section in Action

See the scoring and discussion unfold just like it does in an actual NIH study section. Observe how reviewers present their critiques, debate strengths and weaknesses, and arrive at a final impact score. You'll walk away with valuable insight on how to prepare your own proposals to succeed in peer review.

- **K Grant Review:** Sept. 22, 2026, 1-2:30pm | Facilitator: Dr. David Pollock
- **R01 Grant Review:** Sept. 23, 2026, 1-2:30pm | Facilitator: Dr. Will Geisler

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