**HOW TO VOLUNTEER TO REVIEW FEDERAL GRANTS**

Serving as a grant reviewer will give you valuable insight into the review process and improve your own grant writing. In general, you can try contacting the program officer for the program for which you want to review. In addition, some agencies provide specific information about volunteering. Those links are below.

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

[Agricultural Research Service](https://www.ars.usda.gov/office-of-scientific-quality-review-osqr/be-a-peer-reviewer/)

[Agricultural Marketing Service](https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/peer-review)

[National Institute of Food & Agriculture](https://prs.nifa.usda.gov/prs/preLogin.do?page=welcome)

[General tips on volunteering to review](https://sustainableagriculture.net/take-action/advocacy-toolkit/grant-reviewer/)

**U.S. Department of Commerce**

[National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration](https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/science-quality-assurance/cie-peer-reviews/index)

**U.S. Department of Education**

[Each program selects its own reviewers based on the expertise needed for each grant competition.](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/03/02/2020-04148/peer-review-opportunities-with-the-us-department-of-educations-office-of-elementary-and-secondary)

**U.S. Department of Energy**

[How to volunteer to be a reviewer](https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/volunteer-be-reviewer)

**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

[Health Resources & Services Administration](https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers)

[National Institutes of Health](https://public.csr.nih.gov/ForReviewers/BecomeAReviewer/HowToApply)

**Institute of Museum and Library Services**

[How to become a reviewer](https://www.imls.gov/grants/become-reviewer/library)

**U.S. Department of Justice**

[Bureau of Justice Assistance](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding)

[National Institute of Justice](https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/becoming-peer-reviewer-nij)

[Office of Victims of Crime](https://www.ovc.gov/about/peers.html)

[Office of Violence Against Women](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/peer-review)

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration**
[Volunteer for review panels](https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/volunteer-review-panels)

**National Endowment for the Arts**
[Volunteer to be a National Endowment for the Arts panelist](https://www.arts.gov/form/volunteer-to-be-a-national-endowment-for-the-arts-panelist)

**National Endowment for the Humanities**
[NEH's application review process](https://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process)

[National Science Foundation](http://www.nsf.gov)

General tips for volunteering to review for NSF:

* Contact the NSF Program Officer(s) of the program(s) that fit your expertise.
* Introduce yourself and your research experience.
* Tell them you want to become a reviewer for their program.
* Ask them when the next panel will be held.
* Offer to send a 2-page CV with current contact information.
* Stay in touch if you don’t hear back right away.