

Proposal Evaluation and External Review (PEER)

The University of Kansas Office of Research has created the Proposal Evaluation and External Review program (PEER) to help researchers obtain quality feedback on their grant applications **prior to** submission to an external funding agency, to strengthen the merits of the proposal and to improve the likelihood of acceptance for funding. To that end, the Office of Research will provide a payment of \$500 to external reviewers to read and assess eligible grant applications prior to their submission to external funding agencies.

Eligibility:

- The KU applicant must be responsible for oversight of the project and have [principal investigator \(PI\) status](#).
- The project description/research plan must be in near final form.
- The application form and proposal must be submitted to kucrpeer@ku.edu at least 30 calendar days prior to the funding agency's proposal submission deadline.
- The external peer reviewer may not be a State of Kansas employee (including KU and all other Board of Regents institutions).
- The peer reviewer must be demonstrably qualified to conduct the review and be endorsed by the PI's chair/unit director.
- When considering potential reviewers, applicants should avoid doing anything that could be perceived to compromise an external funding agency's review process, such as contacting members of a review panel/study section who might be involved in the review of a submission to that agency.
- The peer reviewer must sign a written confidentiality agreement concerning the proposal and must agree to provide the KU researcher with written feedback within 10 days.
- Prior to submission of this application, the KU researcher should make preliminary contact with the reviewer to confirm that he or she is willing to conduct the review in accordance with these guidelines.

Application

Applicant: _____

Email: _____ **Academic Rank:** _____

Department/Center: _____ **Chair/Director:** _____

Title of proposed project:

Proposed funding agency: _____

Title of program or grant solicitation (if applicable): _____

Proposal submission deadline: _____

Name of proposed peer reviewer: _____

Institution: _____ **Email:** _____

Qualifications to conduct peer review:

Signature of KU applicant: _____ **Date**

Endorsed by (chair/director/unit head): _____ **Date**

Applicants may submit additional supporting documentation if desired.
Submit completed application to: KUCRPEER@ku.edu

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