

# **2022 RCMI Program National Conference Investigator Development Workshop**

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## **NIH Grants Review 101**

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The Center for Scientific Review is the portal for NIH grant applications and their review for scientific and technical merit. The purpose of this workshop is to provide useful insights into the application submission and peer review processes. In addition, separate breakout rooms for questions will be available for postdoctoral fellows, early-stage investigators and mid-career investigators. Finally, information will be shared about the Early Career Reviewer Program.

*In advance of the workshop, questions  
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