Division of Extramural Research UPDATE

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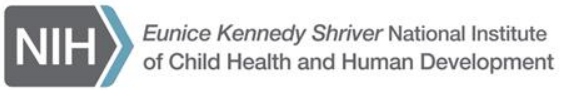


Outline

- DER staffing updates
- Data highlights from extramural programs
- Overview of upcoming changes to application instructions
- Launch of DASH
- Follow up from August Council

Welcome New Extramural Staff

Ruben Alvarez, PhD

- Program Official, CDBB

Candace Tingen, PhD

- Program Official, GHDB

Welcome New Extramural Staff

Sheri Ann Hild, PhD

- Scientific Review Officer

Priscah Mujuru, RN, DRPH, COHNS

- Scientific Review Officer

Farewell

Mary Plummer

- Chief, Office of Committee Management

CAPT H. Trent MacKay, MD, MPH

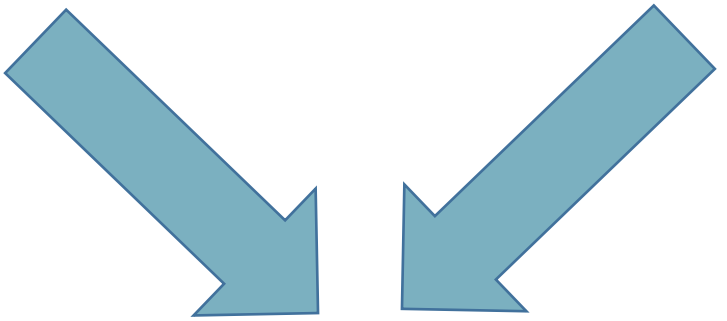
- Chief, Contraceptive Discovery & Development Branch

Contraception Research at NICHD

- Review Panel recommendations issued January 2015
- Contraceptive Research Working Group implementing recommendations
- Improving communication and coordination between contraceptive development research and behavioral research a priority

Contraceptive discovery and development research

Basic science, contraceptive use and behavior research



Contraception Research Branch

Recruiting

USAJOBS "WORKING FOR AMERICA"

Branch Chief, Office of Committee Management

Announcement pending

Branch Chief, Contraception Research Branch

Announcement open

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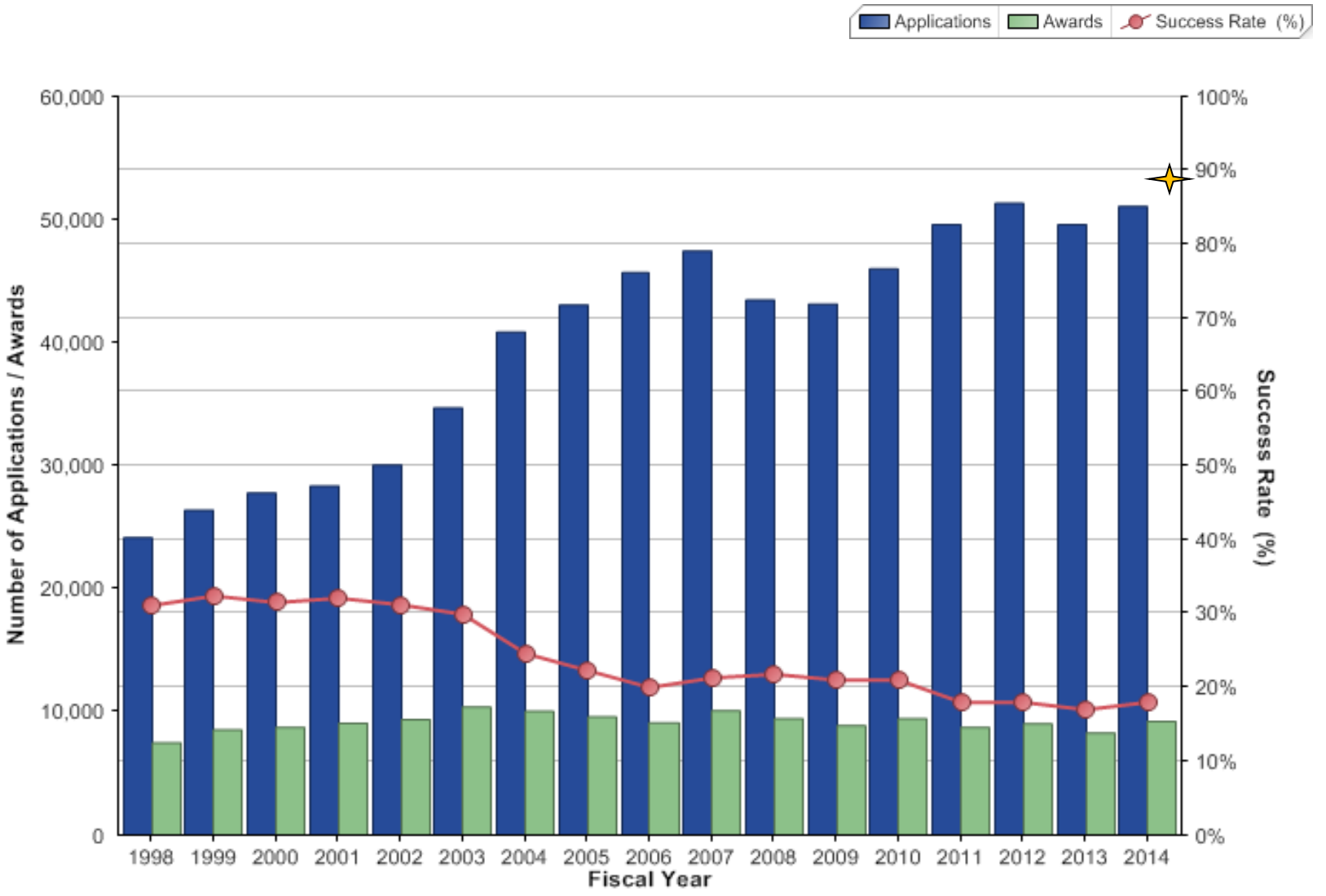
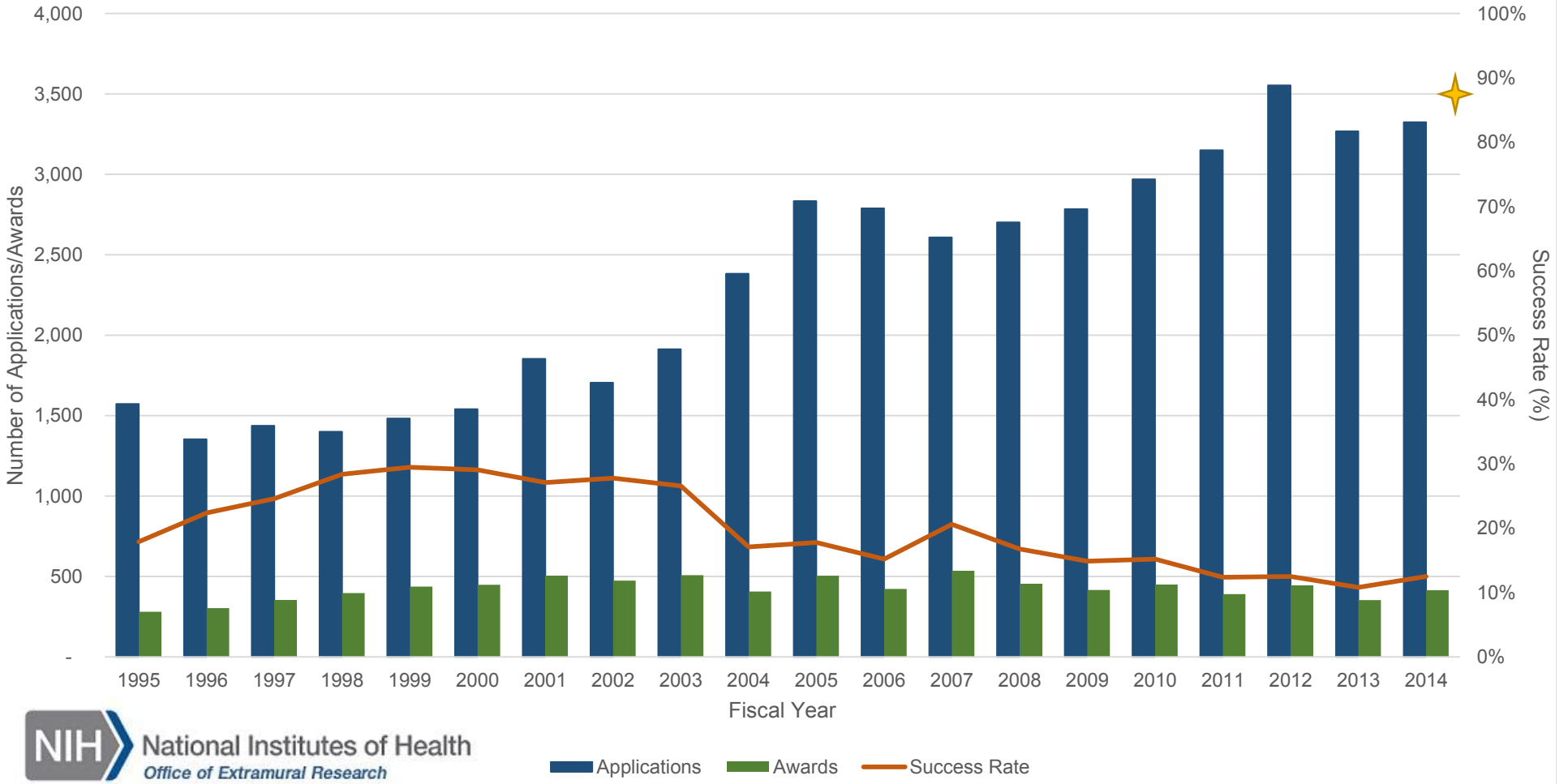
NIH Research Project Grants
Competing applications, awards, and success rates



Success Rates
NICHD Research Project Grants: Competing Applications, Awards and Success Rates



Awards made under Reimbursable Agreements, Appropriations to NIH for Superfund-related activities, Gift Funds and Breast Cancer Research Stamp Funds are not included.
Research Projects (RPG) defined as activities (R00,R01,R03,R15,R21,R22,R23,R29, R33,R34,R35,R36,R37,R55,R56,RL1,RL2,RL5,RL9,P01,P42, PN1,UC1,UC7,U01,U19,U34,UH2,UH3,UM1,DP1,DP2,DP3,DP4,DP5,RC1,RC2, RC3,RC4,UA5,UC1,UC2,UC3,UC4,RF1,UF1,PM1,RM1)
FY 2009 and 2010 exclude awards made under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and all ARRA solicited applications and awards.
An estimate for FY 2015 RPG applications shows 53599 NIH applications and 3551 NICHD applications, These numbers are subject to change.
Source: NIH IMPAC, Success Rate File

Restructuring application instructions

- Goals include:
  - Keeping the information as current as possible;
  - Reducing administrative burden; and
  - Clarifying and simplifying information on what is required to submit an application.

Request for Information (RFI): Strategies for Simplifying NIH's Grant Application Instructions

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Key Dates
Release Date: August 4, 2015
Response Date: September 25, 2015

Related Announcements
None

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Purpose

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks input on the restructuring of the NIH grant application instructions. We invite comments from any interested parties. We encourage feedback from PD/PIs Systems Administrators, and any other parties that rely on our application submission information.

Submission website

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=47

Deadline: September 25, 2015

Enhancing Reproducibility through Rigor & Transparency: Guiding Principles

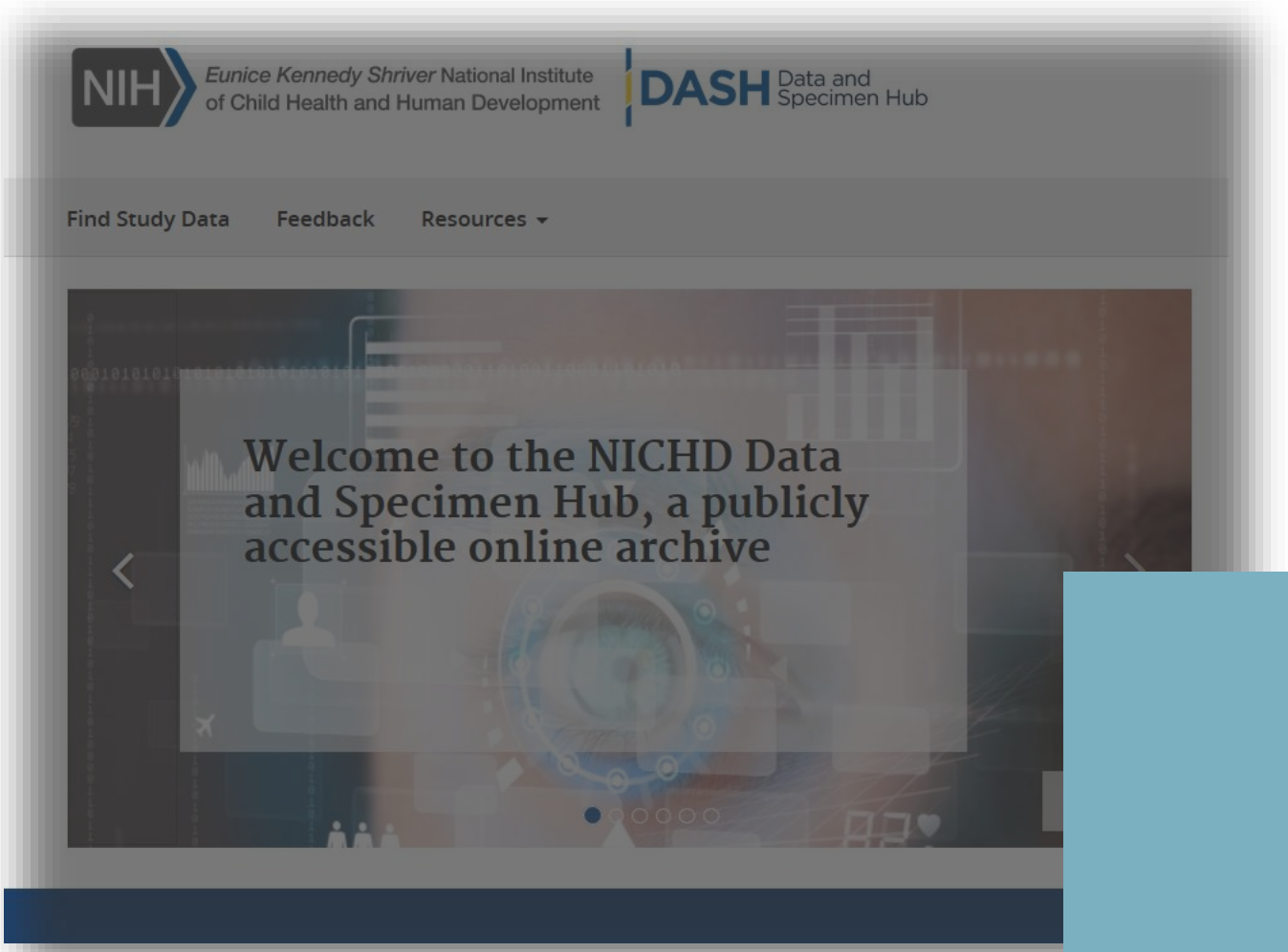
- *Clarify* NIH's long-standing expectations regarding rigor and transparency and how we would like to see this described in applications
- Raise awareness and begin culture shifts in the scientific community
- Prompt applicants to consider issues that they may have previously down-played or ignored, which may have a detrimental effect on the quality of the science they produce

Enhancing Reproducibility through Rigor & Transparency: Guiding Principles

- Improve the way that applicants describe their work; provide sufficient information for reviewers
- As always, ensure that NIH is investing in the best science and minimizing unnecessary burden

Pending OMB approval, instructions for applicants will be available in Fall 2015 for applications due January 2016, with awards in Fall 2016

NIH Announced in June, 2015 via Guide Notices & Rock Talk Blog



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- **Plans to incorporate biospecimen collections**

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Feedback?

Thank you!