NIH FORM CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

Biosketch Changes
• **Personal Statement:** Tell us why your experience and qualifications make you particularly well-suited for your role in the project
• **Publications:** Include no more than 15, and make selections based on most recent, importance to the field, and/or relevance to the application
• **Page limit remains at 4**

Research Plan Changes
• Implementation of goal: *Align the structure and content of applications with review criteria, and shorten the length of applications*
• Three sections of application instructions to be revised:
  o Research Plan
  o Biographical Sketch
  o Resources and Facilities
• **Shorter Page Limits**
• New **Research Strategy** section will replace 3 sections of the current Plan (Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies/Progress Report, and Research Design and Methods).
• **Research Strategy** will have 3 subsections:
  o **Significance**
  o **Innovation**
  o **Approach**
    ▪ Preliminary studies for new applications
    ▪ Progress report for renewal/revision applications

Progress Report Changes
• All Personnel Report implemented as part of Progress Report (PD/PIs & all > 1 person month)
• Report those in a postdoctoral role for one person month or more
• Provide Commons ID for postdocs