

**Attachment A: NIH Conference/Meeting Approval Form**

<b>Operating/Staff Division Information</b>	
Operating or Staff Division	
Office	
<b>Conference Description</b>	
Title/Topic	
Purpose of Conference	
Explanation of How the Conference Directly Supports the OPDIV/STAFFDIV Mission	
Justification for Conference Frequency (If scheduled regularly, explain the frequency of this conference and why the frequency is necessary. Include dates of the most recent prior conference as well as information on prior attendance size. If the size of the conference is increasing, justify why.)	
<b>Dates To Be Held</b>	
From:	To:
Justify the Number of Days (Explain why the conference cannot be conducted in 1 to 2 days less than planned)	

Location			
Venue: [ ] Federal Space [ ] Non-Federal Space			
City			
State or Country			
Justification for Use of Non-Federal Space (If held in a facility that is not owned or controlled by the Government, explain the reason and basis for site selection)			
Audience			
Profession (Insert Description)			
Total Number of Attendees (Provide Best Estimate)		Total Number of Attendees whose Travel Expenses will be paid by NIH	
# of Federal Attendees		From above, # of Federal Travelers	
# of Non-Federal Attendees		From above, # of Non-Federal Travelers	
Cost Information			
Total Estimated Cost	\$	Cost Per Attendee:	\$
Details on Cost (See Last Page for Explanation)			
Contractor/Planner	\$	Federal Attendee Travel	\$
Meeting Space/Venue	\$	Non Federal Attendee Travel	\$
Registration Website	\$	Registration Fees	\$
Audio Visual	\$	Other (Explain below)	\$
Speaker Fees	\$		
Justification of Costs: (If charging Registration Fees to hold an NIH Conference explain the nature of the fees, provide the estimated amount of fees to be collected/used, and site the authority used.)			
Reminder: Conferences that include food as part of the total estimated cost will not be approved.			
Primary Method Used to Support the Conference (Check One)			
[ ] Government Staff	[ ] Cooperative Agreement Awardee	[ ] Contractor	
[ ] Grantee	[ ] Contractor/Planner Support	[ ] Other (describe below)	
Other (Specify) :			
Requestor Information			
Name			
Title			
Office			
Signature			

**OPDIV / STAFFDIV Approval**

<b>I/C Executive Officer</b>		
Typed Name	Signature	Date
<b>Head of the Contracting Activity</b> (Required for all Meetings/Conferences ≥ \$25K)		
Diane J. Frasier		
Name	Signature	Date
<b>Deputy Director for Management</b> (Required for all Meetings/Conferences ≥ \$25K)		
Colleen Barros		
Name	Signature	Date
<b>NIH Director</b> (Required for all Meetings/Conferences ≥ \$25K)		
Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.		
Name	Signature	Date

**HHS Deputy Secretary Approval**  
(Required if Total Estimated Cost Exceeds \$100K)

<input type="checkbox"/> Concur	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Concur	
William Corr		
Typed Name	Signature	Date

**HHS Secretary Approval**  
(Required if Total Estimated Cost Exceeds \$500K; and submission of Attachment B – Conference Request Waiver)

<input type="checkbox"/> Concur	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Concur	Waiver Approval Date:
Kathleen Sebelius		
Typed Name	Signature	Date

## Instructions for Details on Cost

- **General:**
  - Submit one form for each conference.
  - Other than the OPDIV/STAFFDIV name, spell out any acronyms the 1st time they are used.
  - In the applicable blocks, include dollars only (no narrative) to the nearest dollar (no decimals)
  - Include all costs for which NIH funds will be obligated/expended except as noted below.
  - Exclude the salary of full time government employees for planning, conducting, and/or attending the conference.
  
- **Contractor/Planner:**
  - Include all estimated direct and indirect (e.g. overhead, general and administration, fee/profit) costs of any contractor support.
  - If the other cost categories (meeting space/venue, non-federal attendee travel, etc. are included in the contract – exclude those costs from this block, and record them in the appropriate block.
  
- **Meeting Space/Venue:**
  - Include the estimated cost of the conference facility, excluding expenses such as audio/visual to be recorded in the appropriate block.
  
- **Registration Website:**
  - Include the estimated cost to establish, use, and maintain a registration website.
  
- **Audio/Visual:**
  - Include the estimated cost of the audio/visual, including videotaping, web streaming, etc.
  
- **Speaker Fees:**
  - Include the estimated cost of any speaker fees (excluding speaker travel, which shall be included in travel costs as applicable) to be paid.
  
- **Federal Attendee Travel:**
  - For the number of federal attendees whose travel expenses will be paid by NIH, include the total estimated travel cost, including transportation, lodging, per diem, and other incidental costs that are allowable under the Federal Travel Regulation and expected to be incurred.
  
- **Non-Federal Attendee:**
  - For the number of non-federal attendees whose travel expenses will be paid by NIH, include the total estimated travel cost, including transportation, lodging, per diem, and other incidental costs that are allowable under the Federal Travel Regulation and expected to be incurred. However, exclude travel costs to be reimbursed under a federal grant for grantee attendance at the conference.
  
- **Registration Fees:**
  - Include the total estimated cost of any registration fees to be charged to NIH funds to attend the conference. However, exclude registration fees to be reimbursed under a federal grant for grantee attendance at the conference.