

# Reflecting on peer review video

- How did this review compare to a real study section meeting?
- This video showed review of an F32 postdoctoral application. What's different about F31 and F30 reviews (predoctoral, PhD or MD/PhD)?
- What happens if the study section deems the RCR section or human subjects, etc., inadequate?
- How is review of non-NIH fellowships similar/different?



# **Fellowship Application Pitfalls**

**and What You Can  
Do to Avoid Them**



**Overly ambitious**



**Sponsor's training plan not tailored  
to the applicant**



**Postdoc training at the same  
institution where applicant  
received a PhD**



**Weak (or uneven) letters of recommendation**

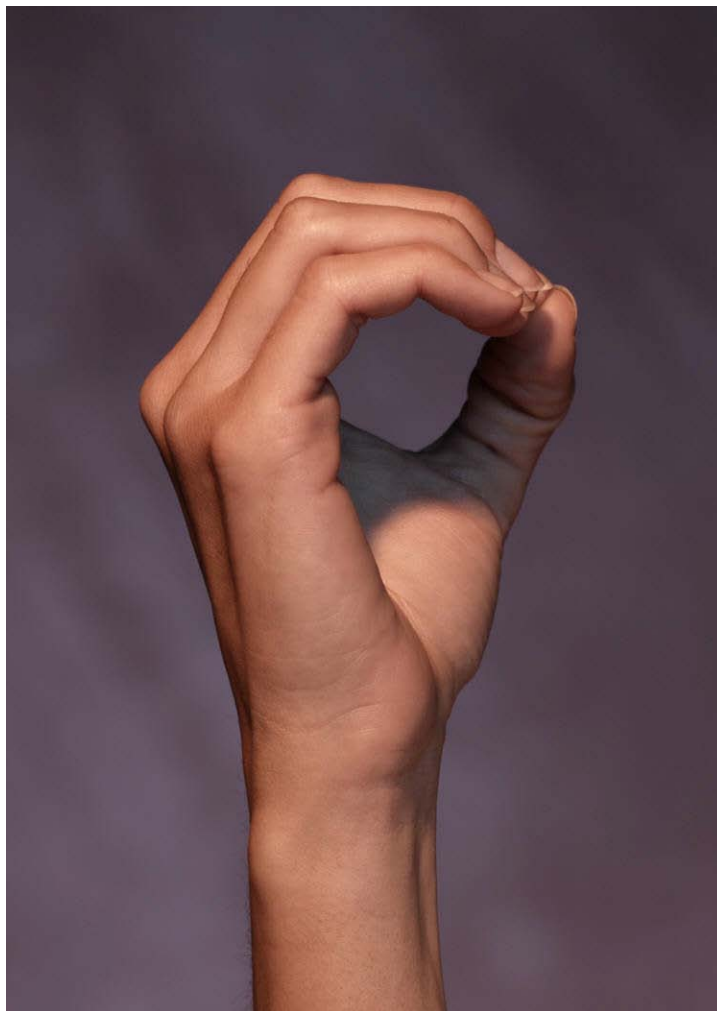


**Applicant training in the same field  
(limited training potential)**



**Mentor is junior  
(no training record)**





**No (or limited) publications**



**Sloppily written**



**Interdependent aims**



**Too diffuse**



**Too dense**



**Not hypothesis-driven**



**Too descriptive**



**Not mechanistic enough**