

SUMMARY OF EVALUATIONS for Dr. Hicks Visit

Total of 26 respondents

In general:

- All said it was useful and the time was good
- 19 think an event like this one should be each term—the rest once a year
- All but one said the time (2-5) was OK
- Most heard about the event by email
- Most comments for improvement focused on separating the event into one for Junior Versus Senior Investigators

How could we Improve this event:

Target meetings to focus on established versus new investigators.

Better advertising on exactly what the event will be about.

Make it Shorter

Expectations: wanted deeper insight into NINDS grant types

Several mentioned that event was NOT what they expected— it was better than they thought it would be, but still different.

Expected more on how to write grants: “how grants are formulated”

Be more inclusive for students/post-docs—let them know!

Perhaps the more senior people know these things already, but perhaps the program can organize a small introductory section at the beginning for the junior people. Perhaps have a special seminar for K awards—how to juggle between no protected research time and minimal startup and not enough preliminary data, etc.

A lot of discussion was between senior investigators because they know the system. Young investigators shy away from asking questions. (Translation—Senior people dominated event?)

Have separate panels/time for investigators at different stages in their career

Have breaks

I would have liked to learn more about programs at NINDS

More general information than I expected—thought just NINDS

Have Mock study section

Panel spent time talking among themselves

Too much time spent talking about scores; more from the NINDS officer

Split event into two: first one as it was and have the second one for how to find, plan, and apply for grants in order to succeed at UM.

Solid hints useful for grant writing: Not really specific but good general common sense information.

Especially LIKED:

Hearing mind-set of study section reviewers
Like this event much better than a seminar-style

We exceeded expectations—people were surprised they learned as much as they did.

*****Suggestions for evaluations: include RANK and GENDER**