

★ Why is CPRIT Peer Review Important? ★

The peer review process for the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) is central to its national reputation for funding groundbreaking cancer research and prevention projects and is why CPRIT has been held up as a model for new statewide initiatives.



All CPRIT grant applications undergo rigorous, independent, unbiased, merit-based peer review.



Peer review selects the best projects without regard to political or other outside influences.



CPRIT uses preeminent scientists, health professionals, product development entrepreneurs and patient advocates who live and work outside of Texas to minimize conflicts of interest.



Only applications recommended by these subject matter experts move forward for consideration by CPRIT's Oversight Committee.



Disregarding the peer review process could endanger CPRIT's status as a National Cancer Institute (NCI) approved funding entity, threatening future NCI cancer research funding.

741

Grant proposals peer reviewed in FY 2020

200+

Peer reviewers participated in FY 2020

10k+

Applications peer reviewed since 2010

10k+

Individual and panel peer review for each application

CPRIT is an NCI-approved funding entity

The National Cancer Institute's endorsement allows CPRIT grants to count toward the research base calculations necessary to earn or maintain NCI Center Status.



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How Does CPRIT Protect its Award Process?

CPRIT carries out its mission to expedite discoveries and innovations across Texas to reduce the burdens of cancer with the highest standards of ethics, accountability, efficiency, and transparency.

Peer Review and Compliance

- ✓ CPRIT's Chief Compliance Officer monitors all aspects of the grant review process and certifies in writing and at the open meeting that CPRIT followed all requirements and laws for each proposed award before the Oversight Committee votes on the award.
- ✓ CPRIT's CEO also files an affidavit for every award attesting to CPRIT's adherence to all required review processes.
- ✓ The CEO affidavits document peer review scores and compliance pedigrees for each award verifying that CPRIT and its reviewers followed the 40-plus required review steps. CPRIT makes these affidavits and the Chief Compliance Officer's report publicly available online.

Oversight

- ✓ The Oversight Committee holds in-person meetings in the Capitol with live webcasts that CPRIT archives and makes available online.
- ✓ The public may access and review board meeting materials prior to Oversight Committee meetings via CPRIT's website.
- ✓ CPRIT displays online all information about all grant awards, including recipients, amounts, and project summaries.
- ✓ The Oversight Committee annually adopts priorities for CPRIT's academic research, product development research, and prevention programs in an open meeting with public input. CPRIT publishes the annual priorities online and incorporates the priorities into each request for applications.

Ethics and Integrity

- ✓ CPRIT posts all conflict-of-interest information for Oversight Committee members, CPRIT staff, and peer reviewers.
- ✓ The agency's annual report includes an appendix with all the conflict-of-interest documentation for grant awards made that year. CPRIT provides the annual report online and to every legislator.
- ✓ The Oversight Committee members and CPRIT employees receive training and annually attest to compliance with CPRIT's Code of Conduct and Ethics.



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