

**James & Esther King Biomedical Research Program  
Call for Grant Applications: Medical, Biological, Behavioral, and  
Social Scientific Research and Development  
Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

**Amendment # 1  
Revised Evaluation of Submitted Applications  
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**Chapter 13 Evaluation of Submitted Applications**

**B. Scientific Merit Review**

1. Delete the following text:

The Program will average reviewer ratings to determine an overall score for scientific merit. However, if the standard deviation of the reviewer ratings for any one proposal is 1.0 or greater, that review panel will participate in a second evaluation round for that proposal. Each reviewer will read all review comments and will confirm or change their comments and merit ranking. The outcome of the second evaluation round will be used by the Program in ranking the application according to scientific merit.

2. Replace with the following text:

The Program will average reviewer ratings to determine an overall score for scientific merit. However, if the standard deviation of the reviewer ratings for any one proposal is 1.0 or greater, two additional reviewers will be assigned to perform full reviews of that proposal. After all reviews are complete, the highest and lowest ratings will be eliminated and the remaining review ratings will be averaged to determine a final overall score for scientific merit. This final overall score will be used by the Program in ranking the application according to scientific merit.