

## Panel Discussion : NIH AREA R15 grant

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Alexandra Ainsztein, Ph.D., is a program director in the Division of Genetics and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. She administers research grants in the areas of the cytoskeleton, and membrane trafficking. She is the NIGMS point of contact for the Academic Research Enhancement Awards (AREA) (R15) program, and the Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1).

Ainsztein is a biochemist and cell biologist whose research focused on the microtubule cytoskeleton, centromeres, and cytokinesis. Prior to joining NIGMS, she served as a scientific review officer in the NIH Center for Scientific Review from 2001-2010. At NIGMS she has managed a portfolio on membrane trafficking and organelle biogenesis; she was both the program director and scientific liaison for several grants in the NIGMS Protein Structure Initiative; and has managed the Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE program). Ainsztein earned a B.A. in biochemistry from Brandeis University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Florida. She conducted postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Edinburgh, and NIH's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

