

STREAMLINING AN APPLICATION

- ♥ When posting critiques online, you will enter a preliminary score range, OR a vote for streamlining. Only scientific reviewers are able to streamline applications and/or rescue them from the streamline list; lay reviewers are not permitted to perform this function.
- ♥ Streamlining is the process of removing an application from the discussion, based on agreement of reviewers that the application is below average. Streamlining may be applied to all award programs. The AHA Research Committee and Unified Peer Review Steering Committee mandate streamlining 50 percent of applications in each review cycle. **An application that is scored 2.5 or greater should be considered for streamlining.**
- ♥ A list of applications with one or more votes for streamlined review will be presented at the beginning of the peer review meeting. The list will be read one application at a time. To remove an application from the list so that it may be discussed, any scientific reviewer who is not in conflict may raise a hand or say that he or she would like to discuss. **No discussion or identification of assigned reviewers will occur at this point, as reviewers who may be in conflict will be present.**
- ♥ Once the list of streamlined applications is approved, an application cannot be removed from the list and discussed.
- ♥ **Applications that are streamlined will not receive a priority score, but still require a full Critique.** This is the only feedback the applicant will receive, so pointing out flaws and suggesting areas for improvement are extremely important to include in the critique.
- ♥ A Reviewer 3 (Reader) may streamline an application. The Reader must post a brief justification for the decision.
- ♥ During the discussion portion of the meeting, assigned scientific reviewers may recommend that applications receive streamlined review, based on comparisons to those previously discussed.
- ♥ Grants@Heart does not automatically mark a score of 2.5 - 4.8 as streamlined. A reviewer must check the Streamlining check box to indicate a preference to streamline the application.
- ♥ Reviewers are encouraged speak up during the streamlining decision process for applications they feel should be discussed! It takes only one person to save an application for discussion.