Reminder on NIH Notice recently issued:


**Purpose:** By way of this Notice, NIH, AHRQ, and CDC announce that individuals supported by research training, fellowship, research education, and career development awards will be required to have ORCID iDs (Open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers) beginning in FY 2020.

**Background:** ORCID iDs are unique, digital identifiers that distinguish individual investigators and can be used to connect researchers with their contributions to science over time and across changes of name, location, and institutional affiliation.

**Implementation:** In October 2019, the requirement for ORCID identifiers will be implemented through the appointment process for those appointed to institutional awards and through the application process for those applying for individual award. This is specific to awards that require appointments through the xTrain system.

Beginning with receipt dates on or after January 25, 2020, the requirement for ORCID identifiers will be enforced at the time of application for individual fellowship and career development awards.

eRA system validations will check whether applicants have ORCID iDs and applications will not be accepted unless an ORCID iD is linked to the PD/PI’s eRA Commons Personal Profile

See attached for instructions to Create or Connect your ORCID ID link.
The ORCID ID

The Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) ID is used within NIH and Grants.gov to relate publications to grants. You can associate your ORCID ID from the Commons Personal Profile module.

If no ORCID ID is connected to your profile, a link will be provided to start the process.

Click on the Create or Connect your ORCID ID link and the ORCID site will open allowing you to log in and connect your ID to your Commons profile or to set up an ORCID ID which can then be connected to your Commons profile. If you hover over the question mark icons for a field, a window will open with an explanation for that field.
Once your ORCID ID has been created, click on the *Create or Connect your ORCID ID* link in your Commons Personal Profile and log into ORCID. You will then be prompted to authorize NIH to access your personal ORCID profile (public information only).
IMPORTANT: The ORCID ID is an important identifier to enable transparent and trustworthy connections between individuals engaged in research, scholarship, and innovation activities and is tied to an individual researcher's or contributor's name. More than six million ORCID IDs have been established worldwide to connect individuals to their professional information (such as publications, awards, affiliations, etc.) for references and citations. You are encouraged to complete your ORCID profile and connect the resulting ID to your Commons account. For more information regarding ORCID IDs please visit https://orcid.org.

Once you have successfully linked your ORCID ID to your Commons account, it will be shown on your Personal Profile and be available in IMPACII.
**Additional Instructions for Fellowship:**

For NIH fellowship applications submitted to due dates on or after January 25, 2020, the personal profile associated with the eRA Commons username entered in the Credential field for the PD/PI (fellowship applicant) must include an ORCID ID (e.g., orcid.org/0000-0001-2345-6789) in order to pass NIH validation requirements. For more information on linking an ORCID ID to an eRA Commons personal profile see: [Commons Personal Profile Summary](#)

**Additional Instructions for Career Development:**

For NIH Individual career development award applications submitted to due dates on or after January 25, 2020, the personal profile associated with the eRA Commons username entered in the Credential field for the PD/PI (candidate) must include an ORCID ID (e.g., orcid.org/0000-0001-2345-6789) in order to pass NIH validation requirements. For more information on linking an ORCID ID to an eRA Commons personal profile see: [Commons Personal Profile Summary](#)