This message is a reminder that two new requirements go into effect Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

**ORCID iD**

First, the use of the ORCID iD will be required for the appointment process for trainees, scholars, and participants supported by institutional research training, career development, and research education awards that require appointments through the xTrain system, including the following:

- T03, T15, T32, T34, T35, T37, T42, T90/R90, TL1, TL4, TU2, K12/KL2, R25, R38, RL5, RL9

At the time of appointment, the xTrain system will check whether appointees have ORCID iDs and appointments will be not be accepted for agency review unless an ORCID iD is linked to the individual’s eRA Commons Personal Profile.

You can link your ORCID iD to your Personal Profile in eRA Commons or set up an ORCID iD to connect to your Personal Profile (see steps).

**xTRACT**

Second, the use of the xTRACT system in the eRA Commons is required as of October 1 to prepare the required data tables for Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs) for pre- and post-doctoral research training grants.

Recipients must create the required training data tables for submission with NIH and AHRQ T15, T32, T90/R90, and TL1 progress reports via the xTRACT system. To submit the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), the training tables must be completed and finalized in xTRACT. Once the tables are finalized in xTRACT, they will automatically be included in the RPPR. Users will not be able to submit RPPRs that are not in compliance. Guidance on preparing the required tables for the RPPR are available in the xTRACT online help and on the Data Tables website.

For more information, see Guide Notice NOT-OD-19-109 for the use of ORCID iD, Guide Notice NOT-OD-19-108 for the use of xTRACT, and eRA Items of Interest - July 2019 for articles on both topics.

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