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**eRA Commons**

**Overview:** The NIH Commons is the National Institutes of Health system for interactive electronic transactions for the receipt, review, monitoring, and administration of NIH grants. The system offers principal investigators and research administrators several online features including:

- **Status:** Allows Principal Investigators to review the current status of all their grant applications and review detailed information associated with their grants. This includes application assignment information, pink sheets, PDF copies of applications (in many cases), copies of all previous Notices of Grant Award, access to NIH database providing current information on program official and grants management specialist. Features within this module are:
  - **Just-in-Time:** Information related to NIH Just-In-Time (JIT) requests can be submitted through e-Commons. NIH policy allows the submission of certain elements of a competing application to be deferred. Through this module, institutions can electronically submit the information that is requested after the review, but before award.
  - **No-cost extensions:** This feature allows institutions to automatically extend grants that are eligible for a one-time extension of the award's final budget period without additional NIH funds. The system will automatically change the end date for the grant and notify the appropriate NIH staff. *Please note that this functionality is only available thru Grants Administration.*
- **eSNAP:** Allows an institution to review non-competing grant data and submit a progress report online.
- **X-Train (not yet available)** Soon, NIH Commons will allow T32 training grant program directors and administrators will be able to complete and submit appointment forms and termination notices online.
- **Internet Assisted Review (IAR):** Allows reviewers to submit critiques and preliminary scores for applications they are reviewing. Allows Reviewers, SRAs, and GTAs to view all critiques in preparation for a meeting. IAR creates a preliminary summary statement body containing submitted critiques for the SRA or GTA. *Please note that only NIH can add this functionality to your NIH Commons account.*
- **Financial Status Reports (FSR) :** Allows electronic submission of financial information associated with a grant. *Please note that this functionality is only available to the Office of Research Administration.*

For more information about the NIH Commons features, please visit the NIH Commons web page at: <https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/>