

## Requirement for ORCID iDs for Individuals Supported by Research Training, Fellowship, Research Education, and Career Development Awards Beginning in FY 2020

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### Key Dates

**Effective Date:** July 10, 2019

### Related Announcements

[NOT-OD-13-114](#)

### Issued by

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality ([AHRQ](#))

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#))

### 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.

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In response to recommendations from the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director and the National Science and Technology Council's Working Group on Research Business Models that federal agencies adopt tools and approaches to simplify applicant reporting and improve the tracking of career outcomes, NIH introduced the option for PD/PIs and other users to associate an ORCID identifier with their eRA Commons Personal Profile in 2017. Since that time, more than 30,000 eRA Commons Profiles have been linked to ORCID iDs.

In addition, more than 7,000 journals now use ORCID iDs and, with the permission of users, can automatically populate ORCID user accounts with their citations when they publish. Federal grant applicants can also link their ORCID accounts with [SciENcv \(Science Expert Network Curriculum Vitae\)](#), to simplify the creation of biosketches for grant applications.

### Implementation

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 awards.

In October 2019, the requirement for ORCID identifiers will be incorporated into 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:

