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Impact of Federal Updates on Institutional Training Grants

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Updates to Training Grant NOFOs

NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-084.html>

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including National Institutes of Health (NIH), operates under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 ([Public Law 119-4](#)) signed by President Trump on March 15, 2025. This Act (CR) continues government operations through September 30, 2025, at the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 enacted level, with no reduction.

All legislative mandates that were in effect in FY 2024 (see [NOT-OD-24-110](#)) remain in effect under this CR, as well as the salary limitation set at Executive Level II of the Federal Pay Scale (see [NOT-OD-24-057](#)) and **the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award predoctoral and postdoctoral stipend levels and tuition/fees as described in [NOT-OD-24-104](#).**



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NIH Resource for New Initiatives and Policies

Implementation of New Initiatives and Policies Page Now Available

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies>

Page Highlights

- [NIH Grants and Funding Information Status](#). Keep up to date on how NIH grants and funding information is evolving as we align with new agency priorities (e.g., status of communications, funding opportunities, application guidance, and more).
- [Upcoming Changes](#). Get the latest status on in-progress initiatives like our adoption of Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.
- [Recent Changes](#). Learn about key initiatives implemented in 2024 that culminated in numerous changes to grant application content and review for due dates on or after January 25, 2025 and any adjustments made to those initiatives.

Implementation of New Initiatives and Policies

This page serves as a central location where you can learn more about the status of changes impacting NIH grants process and plans for implementing new initiatives and policies.

On this page:

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NIH Grants and Funding Information Status

NIH grants and funding policies and processes are evolving as NIH aligns with new agency priorities. Keep on top of the latest status of changes impacting NIH grants administration and funding.



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NIH Resource for New Initiatives and Policies

Training Grant Specific Page

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies/updates-to-training-grants>

Updated Forms-I Instructions

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/forms-i/training-forms-i.pdf>

Updates to NIH Institutional Training Grant Applications

This page provides details on the updates made to NIH institutional training grant applications for due dates on or after January 25, 2025.

On this page:

- [Background](#)
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- [Notices, Reports, and Blogs](#)

Background

NIH has made significant investments to develop, implement, assess and disseminate innovative, effective approaches to research training and mentoring and to prepare trainees for a variety of [career paths](#) in the biomedical research workforce. Through these initiatives, the research community has identified the need for:

- Broader outreach activities to foster greater awareness of research training opportunities for potential trainees
- Increased mentorship opportunities to facilitate trainee success

NIH has leveraged the lessons of these initiatives to enhance institutional research training programs, including by enhancing



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Updates to Training Grant NOFOs

Language Used Throughout: Removal of words or phrases removed throughout all of the documents: “diverse/diversity,” “inclusion/inclusive,” “of all backgrounds,” “cultural,” “inclusive, safe, accessible,” “across all demographic groups,” “equity,” “a broad group,” “gender identity, sexual orientation or transgender status,” *for faculty and trainees*

Changed language to: “safe and supportive,” “for all/all individuals,” “safe,” “range of educational backgrounds,”

Some accessibility/disability language removed-some retained

Plan to Enhance Diversity: Removed entirely

Mentor Training Topics: Removed “Addressing Equity and Inclusion” topic

Institutional Letter of Support: removal of language related to diversity

ALWAYS CHECK ONLINE VERSION OF NOFOs FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CHANGES



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Updates to Training Grant Biosketches

Upcoming Changes



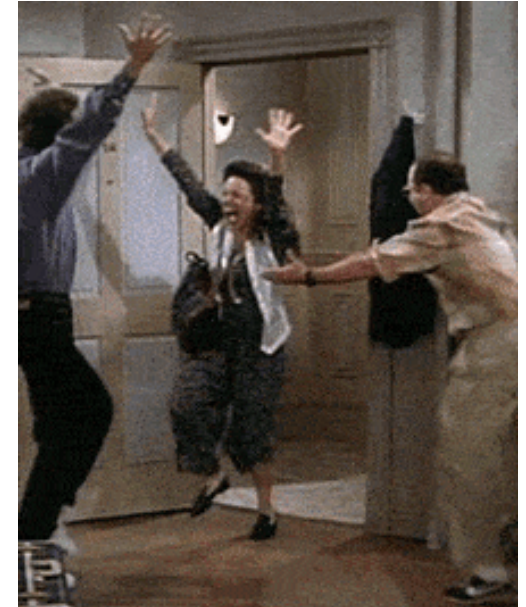
Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

NIH plans to adopt the Biographical Sketch Common Form and the Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form.



Postponed

NIH's adoption of the Common Form for Biographical Sketch and a new Biographical Sketch Supplement originally scheduled for May 25, 2025 is postponed. Continue to use NIH-specific format pages until further notice.



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Updates to Training Grant Recruitment Plans

Recruitment Plans to Enhance Diversity are **no longer required** and those included in applications under review will not be evaluated or considered in funding decisions.

Updated form

PHS 398 Research Training Program Plan OMB Number 0925-0001
Expiration Date 09/30/2024

Introduction

1. Introduction to Application (for Resubmissions and Revision applications) [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

Training Program Section

2. *Program Plan [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

~~3. Recruitment Plan to Enhance Diversity [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)~~

4. Plan for Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

5. Plan for Instruction in Methods for Enhancing Reproducibility [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

6. Multiple PD/PI Leadership Plan (if applicable) [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

7. Progress Report Publication List [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

Faculty, Trainees and Training Record Section

8. Participating Faculty Biosketches [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

9. Letters of Support [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

10. Data Tables [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

Other Training Program Section

11. Vertebrate Animals [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

12. Select Agent Research [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

13. Consortium/Contractual Arrangements [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

14. Other Plan(s) [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

Appendix

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Updates to Training Grant Data Tables

Training Grant Data Tables

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/data-tables/forms-i>

- **Table 6** (Applicants, Entrants, and their Characteristics for the Past Five Years) Do **NOT** include the **percent from underrepresented groups** in your table.
- **Table 7** Do **NOT** include the rows for “**Appointed from Underrepresented Groups**” for any trainee population.



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Updates to Training Grant RPPRs

[NOT-OD-20-178: RESCINDED - Requirement for Trainee Diversity Report to be Submitted Electronically for Institutional Research Training, Career Development, and Research Education Awards Beginning in Early FY 2021](#)

- **Trainee Diversity Reports** can no longer be generated in xTrain and are no longer required. They **should NOT be included in the RPPR.**
- Program updates related to the recruitment and retention of trainees from diverse groups **should not be included in section B.1 of the progress report.**
- Inclusion of this information in recently submitted RPPRs will be ignored.



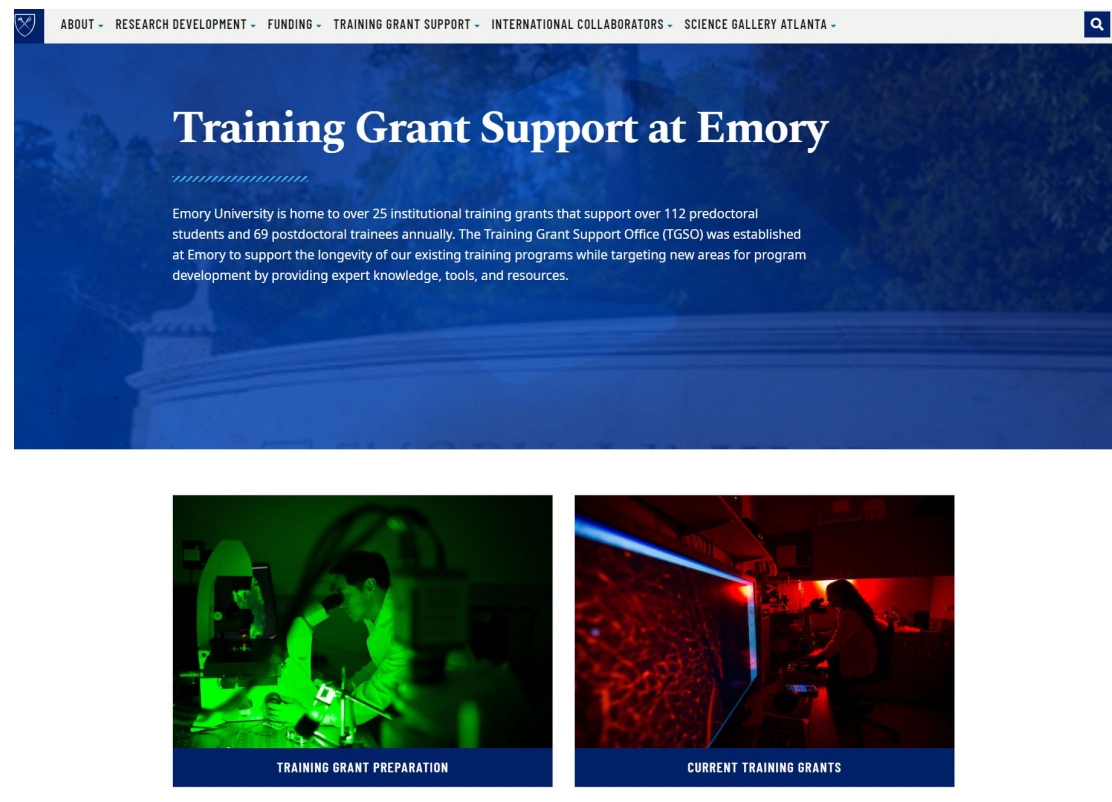
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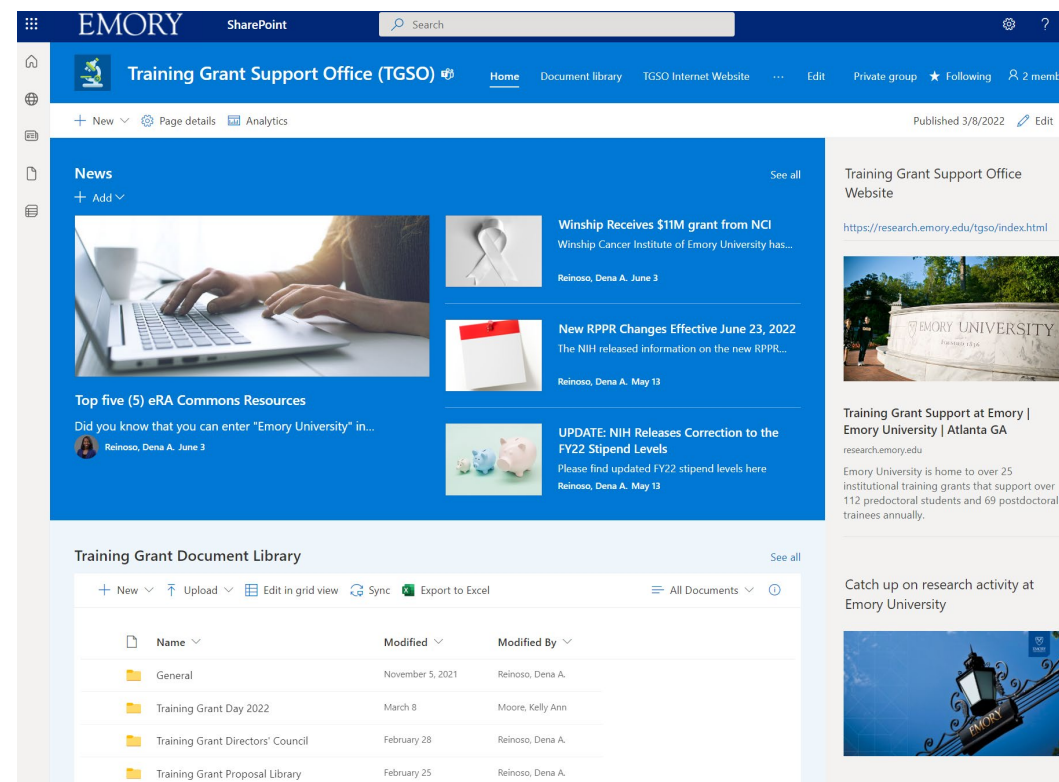


Reminder: Stay Connected with the TGSO

<https://research.emory.edu/tgso/index.html>



<https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/TGSOTrainingGrantSupportOffice2>



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