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[NIH Releases New Policy for Data Management and Sharing](#)

Guest blog by [Carrie Wolinetz](#)

Nearly twenty years after the publication of the Final NIH Statement on Sharing Research Data in 2003, we have released a Final NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing. This represents the agency's continued commitment to share and make broadly available the results of publicly funded biomedical research. We hope it will be a critical step in moving towards a culture change, in which data management and sharing is seen as integral to the conduct of research. Responsible data management and sharing is good for science; it maximizes availability of data to the best and brightest minds, underlies reproducibility, honors the participation of human participants by ensuring their data is both protected and fully utilized, and provides an element of transparency to ensure public trust and accountability. [Continue reading →](#)

[Continued Impact of COVID-19 on Biomedical Research](#)

By [Mike Lauer](#)

It's been over eight months since the COVID-19 pandemic crisis struck, changing every facet of life as we knew it. The U.S. biomedical research enterprise was not spared, as lockdowns and severe restrictions on activities took hold across the country. At the time, we offered our perspectives on efforts we could take to cushion the shock. Since that time, much has happened. COVID-19 research has blossomed with impressive results including FDA approval of a therapeutic agent (remdesivir, which was found to have value in a large-scale NIH-funded trial), development of several candidate vaccines that have already made to pivotal Phase 3 trials, and the rapid development of a variety of diagnostic testing platforms. However, research unrelated to COVID has seen a different picture. [Continue reading →](#)

[Welcome the New RePORT and RePORTER Tools!](#)

By [Mike Lauer](#)

Ten years ago, NIH launched the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools) website to serve as a one-stop shop for reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities. Well, drum roll please, a new and modernized RePORT site as well as a faster and easier to use NIH RePORTER have now arrived. The updated RePORT site strives to meet the needs of today's users based on feedback received over the years. It is easier, simpler, and quicker to access the same information you have come to rely upon. [Continue reading →](#)

[Seeking Your Ideas on the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research](#)

By [Mike Lauer](#)

From shifting public health needs to the unprecedented pace of biomedical discovery, everything about the coronavirus response is evolving. This goes for the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research as well, so too must it evolve. We want your help on the next iteration of the Plan. A Request For Information released yesterday seeks public feedback on

the current Plan (NOT-OD-21-018). You or your organization can submit ideas here by December 7, 2020. [Continue reading →](#)

[**Share Your Ideas to Foster Research Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research**](#)

By [Mike Lauer](#)

We all have a vested interest in maintaining the integrity of biomedical research. It is critically important to do so, after all, so the public can trust the resulting scientific findings. These posts from 2020, 2019, and 2018 highlight a few ways NIH works toward this goal of an environment promoting integrity and discouraging misconduct (check out this NIH All About Grants podcast for more on this).

Now it's your turn to share some ideas. Our colleagues with the HHS Office of Research Integrity (ORI) recently published a Request for Information seeking your input. The feedback they receive will be invaluable for conducting future outreach and developing educational resources for the research community. [Continue reading →](#)

[**Developing a Culture of Safety in Biomedical Research Training**](#)

Guest blog by [Michelle Bond, Alison Gammie, and Jon Lorsch](#)

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) is committed to supporting safety in the nation's biomedical research and training environments. In a Perspective in the current issue of Molecular Biology of the Cell (MBoC), we focus on strategies for improving laboratory safety. Some of these strategies are also applicable to other forms of safety including the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and discrimination. Lab safety is also the focus of an upcoming webinar for the training community, Developing a Culture of Safety in Biomedical Research Training, on Thursday, November 5, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET. [Continue reading →](#)

Top Stories

[**Researchers, if You Received a Survey, Please Provide Us with Your Perspective on the Impact of COVID-19**](#)

Since March, COVID-19 has greatly impacted the way we all work. NIH has been tracking how well our policies meet the needs of our research community in response to the ongoing pandemic. To get a better understanding of how COVID-19 is impacting our extramural researchers, we launched the Impact of COVID-19 on Extramural Researchers Survey in mid-October. If you received an invitation to take this survey, please take 15-20 minutes to complete it. This survey will be open until Friday, November 13th. The results from the survey will inform policy and program decisions, so participation is critical. [Continue reading →](#)

[**Automated Trainee Diversity Report Required with RPPRs for Most T, K and Research Education Awards Beginning October 30, 2020**](#)

An automatically generated Trainee Diversity Report will replace the manual report that signing officials are required to submit with RPPRs for most institutional training, career

development awards and research education grants, effective October 30, 2020. The automated report will leverage existing electronic demographic data entered by trainees in the Personal Profile of eRA Commons to minimize the need for manual data entry by recipients and reduce their burden. [Continue reading →](#)

[Institutions to Submit FCOI Policy Electronically in eRA Commons, Effective November 12, 2020](#)

NIH requires institutions to maintain an up-to-date, written, and enforced policy to identify and manage Investigator Financial Conflicts of Interest (FCOI) and to post the policy on their publicly accessible website. Starting November 12, 2020, NIH recipients will be required to submit their publicly accessible FCOI policy to NIH via the eRA Commons Institution Profile (IPF) Module. [Continue reading →](#)

[NIH Will Continue to Accept Preliminary Data as Post-Submission Material Through August/October 2021 Councils](#)

In recognition of the fact that COVID-19 may still be adversely affecting the ability of applicants to generate preliminary data, NIH will continue to accept a one-page update with preliminary data as post-submission materials for applications submitted for the August/October 2021 council (beginning with applications submitted for the January 25, 2021 due date for Summer 2021 review meetings), ONLY if the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) used for submission allowed preliminary data in the application. [Continue reading →](#)

[Exceptions to Use of a Single IRB During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

Conducting research involving human subjects during COVID? Read here for information on requesting an exception to the use of a single IRB. NIH released a Guide Notice to inform the extramural research community how NIH is implementing the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP)'s determination of Exception to the Single IRB Review Requirements for Certain HHS-Conducted or -Supported Cooperative Research Activities Subject to the 2018 Requirements During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency. [Continue reading →](#)

New Resources

[“All About Grants” Podcast – Human Subjects’ Protection and Monitoring Plans](#)

Dawn Corbett, NIH's Inclusion Policy Officer, shares why human subjects' protection and monitoring plans are important in this next NIH's All About Grants podcast. We will discuss what should be included in these plans as part of your application, what should be left out, what are risks and what are benefits to study participants, how reviewers assess it all, and so much more. [Continue reading →](#)

[Did You Miss the 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration?](#)

Not to worry, the entire conference is still available to you on the event platform until Nov 19! The only thing missing is the immediate access to staff that the “live” event offered. Recordings of the presentations and related materials, as well as a plethora of resources from the Institute and Center Exhibit Hall booths await your exploration. [Continue reading](#) →

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[How Can I Monitor Institutional Compliance With NIH’s Public Access Policy?](#)

The NIH Public Access Compliance Monitor (PACM) provides an institution with the current compliance status of all journal articles that are associated with the institution that fall under the NIH Public Access Policy. [Continue reading](#) →

Calendar

- **11/5/20:** [Developing a Culture of Safety in Biomedical Research Training](#) - Webinar
- **11/11/20:** [Veterans Day - NIH Closed](#)
- **11/26/20:** [Thanksgiving Holiday - NIH Closed](#)
- **12/1/20:** [Office of Animal Welfare Annual Reports due date](#)
- **12/7/20:** Deadline to submit comments on the [NIH-wide strategic plan for COVID-19 research](#)
- **12/18/20:** Deadline to submit comments on [fostering research integrity and the responsible conduct of research](#)

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