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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the use of xTrain to Institutional (external) users. For more information regarding research training and research career opportunities offered by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), please visit the Office of Extramural Research (OER) Grants Training page at http://grants.nih.gov/training/index.htm.

1.1 Scope

This document indicates how to access xTrain, provides a description of xTrain user roles, and explains the process for submitting appointments, re-appointments, amendments and termination notices. This xTrain External User Guide, as well as additional reference material, is available on the Institutional Research Training and Career Development Awards page: http://era.nih.gov/training_career/index.cfm.
2 What is xTrain?

xTrain provides program directors/principal investigators, university administrators, and trainees the ability to electronically prepare and submit PHS 2271 Statement of Appointment forms and PHS 416-7 Termination Notices associated with institutional research training programs, institutional career development awards, individual fellowships and research education awards. xTrain is also used by agency grants management staff to review and process the appointments and termination notices submitted electronically.

Grantee institution staff can use xTrain to:

- Create, route, and submit Appointments, Re-appointments, Amendments and Termination Notices
- Track the status and timing of actions taken by xTrain users

xTrain eliminates the need for signed paper forms, except in the following situations:

Permanent U.S. residents must submit a signed and notarized statement certifying that they have (1) a Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551), or (2) other legal verification of such status

Signed hard copies of Payback Service Agreements are required for postdoctoral trainees in their first year of Kirschstein-NRSA support. For more information on the Payback Service Agreement policy, please refer to this web site. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2013/nihgps_ch11.htm#_Toc271265163

2.1 Activity Codes Supported

The information that lists the current activity codes supported by xTrain can be accessed from the xTrain My Grants screen. NRSA fellowships (F30, F31, F32 and F33) can only be terminated. T15’s are for the National Library of Medicine and CDC. T01, T02, T03, and T42 are for CDC only. Select the List of Activity Codes currently supported in xTrain hyperlink to access this document.
2.1.1 xTrain Activity Codes

Activity Code: A three-character code used to identify a specific category of extramural research activity, applied to various funding mechanisms.

The table below shows a list of xTrain Activity Codes.

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2.1.2 Stipend Level Links by Fiscal Year

The Stipend Level Links by Fiscal Year hyperlink is on the My Grants screen for (Principal Investigator) PD/PI users.
Figure 3: Stipend level Hyperlinks by Fiscal Year Hyperlink for PI Users

This link points to the Kirschstein-NRSA Stipend History spreadsheet. The spreadsheet displays stipend levels for current and previous years.

Figure 4: Kirschstein-NRSA Stipend History Spreadsheet

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2.2 xTrain Forms Supported

xTrain supports electronic submission of the following forms:

- Statement of Appointment Form (PHS 2271)
- Termination Notice (PHS 416-7)
- Payback Agreement (PHS 6031)—This agreement is available for download/printing with instructions for signing and submitting the agreement via postal mail. xTrain will populate the basic information prior to printing.

Form-specific information and instructions can be found at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm).

2.3 xTrain External User Roles

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<td>BO (Business Official)</td>
<td>A Business Official has signature or other authority related to administering grantee institution training grants.</td>
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<td>SO (Signing Official)</td>
<td>A grantee institution’s Signing Official has authority to legally bind a grantee institution for grant matters.</td>
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Table 1: External User Roles
### External User Roles

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<td>PD/PI (Program Director/Principal Investigator)</td>
<td>The Program Director or Principal Investigator is responsible for the overall direction of the training program and has the skills, knowledge and resources necessary to organize and implement a high quality research training program. In Commons, this role is called the PI role but is used for PDs as well. The Fellow also has the PI role. The PD/PI selects and appoints Trainees, amends appointments (when necessary), and initiates Termination Notices. A multi-PI can perform the same actions as the Contact PI</td>
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<td>PD/PI Delegate (ASST)</td>
<td>An ASST user is a grantee institution individual that is delegated authority to perform Program Director/Principal Investigator xTrain training appointment functions. A user with the ASST role cannot submit appointments.</td>
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| Trainee                    | Trainee: A person appointed to and supported by an institutional Kirschstein-NRSA or non-NRSA research training award  
Scholar: A person appointed to and supported by an institutional career development award  
Participant: A person appointed to and supported by a research education award. |
| Sponsor                    | The Sponsor is a person who mentors Fellows and can initiate and facilitate the termination of a fellowship. The Sponsor can submit the Termination Notice for foreign and federal fellowships only.                                                    |
| Sponsor Delegate           | Users with this authority are able to perform actions similar to the Sponsor role but they are not able to submit the fellowship Termination Notice to the Agency.                                             |

*Table 1: External User Roles*

**NOTE:** The Signing Official (SO), Administrative Official (AO) and Accounts Administrator (AA) can grant Business Official (BO), Principal Investigator (PI) or Assistant (ASST) roles to individuals within the grantee institution. Signing Officials can also give Business Official privileges to themselves. Trainees without eRA accounts will be invited to register as part of the xTrain appointment process.
For more information on xTrain external user roles and the actions they can take, see the eRA Commons Roles list at http://era.nih.gov/files/eRA_Commons_Roles.pdf

2.4 508 Compliance

The xTrain module meets the compliance regulations of section 508. The standard makes products accessible to people with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, and mobility impairments.
3 Accessing xTrain

xTrain user interfaces and functionality are accessed from the Commons module. An eRA Commons account is needed in order to use xTrain.

See the NIH eRA Commons System User Guide and corresponding subsections listed below for details on accessing the Commons System and obtaining a Commons user account:

- System Requirements
- Accessing the Commons
- Password Policy
- Getting Help

To login to xTrain:

1. Login to eRA Commons at https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/. If you have forgotten your password, select the Forgot Password/Unlock Account? hyperlink.
When a user accesses xTrain, the system displays the appropriate screen based on the user’s role. The table below lists external user roles and the default screen displayed at xTrain access for the user role.

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<td>Appointments and Terminations</td>
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<td>SO or BO</td>
<td>List of Grants Search</td>
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*Table 2: Initial xTrain Access*
xTrain will only populate lists with grants associated with the eRA Commons account with which the user is logged in. If you have had multiple eRA Commons accounts, you may need to merge the historical information associated with your accounts.

### 3.1 Accessing xTrain with Multiple PI Affiliations

Principal Investigators (PIs) affiliated with more than one institution can select which institution to work with after logging into commons.

1. Log into Commons.

If affiliated with multiple institutions, the name of the default institution displays as a link within the Welcome section located in the upper right corner of each Commons page.

![Figure 7: Institution Name Displayed as a Hyperlink for Multiple Affiliations](image)

For more information on changing the institution affiliation, please refer to the section title, Changing the Displayed Affiliation, in the Commons user guide located at [http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf](http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf).

### 3.2 Accessing xTrain – PD/PI

PD/PI users are brought to the My Grants screen when the xTrain tab is selected. This screen displays all training grants for which the user is listed as being the PD/PI.

![Image of xTrain screen](image)
xTrain External/Institutional User Guide

Figure 8: My Grants Screen

Clicking on any grant number takes the user to the Grant Summary page.

Estimated Number (#) of Trainees refers to the number of slots available for the specified training period. The Number (#) of Accepted Appointments refers to the number of paper or electronic appointments already accepted by the Agency for the specified training period.

Figure 9: Grant Summary Page

Clicking on a Grant Number hyperlink retrieves the Commons PI View screen, which provides grant information for that project. PDF versions of Appointments and Termination Notices can be retrieved when the hyperlink is selected.

Figure 10: Commons PI View Screen
Clicking the View Trainee Roster hyperlink on the My Grants screen will take you to the Trainee Roster page. Clicking the View Pending Submissions hyperlink on the My Grants screen will allow PD/PI users to submit more than one appointment at a time instead of individually.

![Figure 11: View Trainee Roster Hyperlink](image)

![Figure 12: Trainee Roster Page](image)
The different possible choices for some of the columns on the Trainee Roster page are listed below:

(1) Appointment Type:

- New – The appointment is the first for the trainee on this grant (will also indicate “New” if the original appointment was submitted on paper)
- Re-appointment--The trainee has had a previous appointment on this grant.
- Amendment–The original appointment has changed, and this is the newest version.

(2) Appointment Status: Clicking on the hyperlink will display the appointment routing history.

- Pending Agency Review --The appointment has been submitted to the agency. On Hold by Agency-- The appointment has been submitted and the agency reviewer has put it on hold.
- On Hold by Agency - The appointment has been submitted and the agency reviewer has put it on hold.
- On Hold by Agency – Awaiting Paper Signature--The appointment has been submitted and the agency reviewer has put it on hold while waiting for the Payback Agreement and/or the documentation for a permanent resident.
- In Progress PI-- The PD/PI or the assistant is working on the appointment.
- In Progress Trainee – The trainee is working on the appointment.
- Accepted –The agency reviewer has accepted the appointment.
- Terminated—The appointment or fellowship has been terminated.

(3) Appointment/Termination Source:

- Paper – The appointment or termination notice was submitted on paper.
- Electronic—The appointment or termination notice was submitted electronically through xTrain.

(4) Termination Status:

- In Progress BO--The Business Official is working on the termination notice.
- In Progress PI-- The PD/PI (includes fellows) or an assistant is working on the termination notice.
- In Progress Trainee--The Trainee is working on the termination notice.
- Pending Agency Review-- The termination notice has been submitted to the Agency
- On Hold by Agency- The Agency has reviewed the termination notice, but has not yet accepted it.
- On Hold by Agency – Awaiting Award Revision – An early termination notice has been submitted for a fellowship and it has been placed on hold until the award can be revised.
- Accepted—The Agency has accepted the termination notice.

(5) Current Reviewer—Indicates the individual who performed the action

(6) View:
- View 2271—Displays the PDF version of the 2271.
- View TN—Displays the PDF version of the termination notice.
- View Payback—Displays the PDF version of the termination notice.

(7) Action:
- Process 2271—Allows the user to take various actions to process the 2271.
- 2271 Form—Allows users to view PDF or validate (view errors and warnings.)
- Amend 2271—Allows users to start the amend process.
- Initiate TN—Allows users to start the termination process.
- Process TN—Allows the user to take various actions to process the termination notice.
- Reappoint 2271 (This only appears when there is an awarded future year for the grant to which the Trainee has not already been appointed.)—Allows users to reappoint a trainee to the same grant.

3.3 Accessing xTrain – ASST

PD/PI delegates (ASSTs) are brought to the My Grants screen when the xTrain tab is selected. This will bring up the My Grants – Select Delegator screen.

![Figure 14: My Grants – ASST Screen](image)

If multiple PD/PIs have delegated xTrain authority to the same ASST, the ASST must select a specific PD/PI from the drop-down list and then click Select Profile.
Trainees are brought to the *My Appointments and Terminations* screen, which will display the Trainee’s Appointments and Terminations and allow the trainee to process them, if necessary.

In some circumstances, an individual may have both the Trainee and PD/PI roles. If the trainee has applied for a fellowship or another award from the Agency in the past, he or she will see the menu tab: *My Appointments and Terminations* in addition to the *My Grants* menu tab. Upon logging in the default menu tab is *My Grants* under the *xTrain* menu tab.

On the *My Grants* screen, click the **View Trainee Roster** hyperlink to view the *Trainee Roster* screen.
Figure 18: My Grants Screen Displaying the View Trainee Roster Hyperlink

The system displays the Trainee Roster screen. Refer to the section/topic titled Accessing xTrain – PD/PI for more information on the Trainee Roster screen.

3.5.2 View My Appointments and Terminations as Trainee

To view any appointments and/or terminations, click on the My Appointments and Terminations tab under the xTrain tab.

Figure 19: My Grants Screen Displaying the My Appointments and Terminations Tab

The system displays the Trainee Appointments and Terminations screen.
Figure 20: Trainee Appointments and Terminations Screen

To return to the Trainee Roster screen, click on the My Grants tab under the xTrain tab. Then click on the View Trainee Roster hyperlink.

3.6 Accessing xTrain – Admin (SO, BO)

After accessing xTrain, Admin users (BO, SO) are brought to the List of Grants screen.

Figure 21: Search for Grants Screen

3.7 Exiting xTrain

To exit xTrain:

Click the Log-out hyperlink located in the upper right corner of the screen.
Figure 22: Logout Hyperlink Screen
4 Account Setup

4.1 Account Setup – PD/PI

eRA Commons users with the SO role or AA role can create accounts with Trainee, BO, PD/PI or ASST roles or they can add these roles to existing accounts. Trainees without eRA accounts will be invited to register as part of the xTrain appointment process.

To initiate an eRA Commons account for a Trainee as part of the xTrain process, complete the following steps.

Figure 23: My Grants Screen Displaying the View Trainee Roster Hyperlink

1. Click the **View Trainee Roster** hyperlink on the *My Grants* screen.
2. On the Trainee Roster screen, the PD/PI or the Delegate will click **Create New Appointment** hyperlink under the desired budget period they want to add Trainee.

3. Click the **Identify Trainee** hyperlink from the Trainee Roster screen.

4. Provide search criteria then click **Search** button.
5. If no records are found, you can refine the search and try again. OR...
6. If unable to find a match, select Create New Trainee Profile button.

7. Provide required info then click Continue button.
The Statement of Appointment screen will appear.

Here are the Business Rules for bottom portion of the Statement of Appointment Form.

1. Period cannot exceed 12 months and the start date must fall within the budget period.
2. The Stipend level must be entered for everyone except for scholars and participants. Must be appropriate to trainee degree and experience.
3. Users enter salaries/other compensation for a whole or partial year for scholars or
participants.

4. Must recalculate date if calendar boxes are used.


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![Figure 30: Statement of Appointment (2271 Form – Bottom Portion)](image)

7. Enter in all the required fields. Then click the appropriate **Save** button.

8. The *Invite Trainee to Register* screen has 2 option buttons:

   a. Invite Trainee Now
   
   b. Invite Trainee Later

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![Figure 31: Invite Trainee to Register Screen](image)

If the *Invite Trainee Now* button is selected, the system sends an email to the Trainee. Within the email will be a hyperlink to begin Creating a New Account.
If the **Invite Trainee Later** button is selected, you will return to the 2271 form. The **Re-invite Trainee** button will appear at the bottom of the 2271 form for future use.

![Figure 32: Invite Trainee Later Screen](image)

Processing of the 2271 form cannot be continued until the Trainee has registered. This event appears in the 2271 Routing History.

### 4.2 Account Setup – Trainee

The Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) initiates the Trainee’s training appointment within the xTrain system and routes the Appointment Form (2271) to the Trainee. The Trainee uses xTrain to complete the form and route it back to the PD/PI with his or her electronic signature. A similar process is used again at the end of a Trainee’s Appointment with a Termination Notice.

**NOTE:** Trainee must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident at the time of the appointment.

#### 4.2.1 Setting Up eRA Commons Account

If you already have an account, the Trainee role will be added, and you will be asked to update your Personal Profile.

If you do not have an eRA Commons account, the xTrain system will automatically send you an e-mail with a hyperlink and instructions for registering in Commons as part of the Appointment or Termination process.
For more information on setting up trainee accounts, please refer to the Account Management System (AMS) user guide located at http://era.nih.gov/files/AMS_user_guide.pdf.

After the account creation is completed, an email is sent to the trainee to invite the trainee to register. After registering an email is sent stating that the account request is being reviewed by NIH. When the account is approved, another email is sent stating that the account has been created and the user name. A separate email is sent which contains a temporary password for accessing Commons. After logging in with the temporary password, you are prompted to change the password.

4.3 Account Setup – Trainee from the Manage Account Tab

An SO or other Commons user with Administrative roles can use the eRA Commons Create Account screen to create or manage a Trainee account from the Manage Account tab using a similar process as in the xTrain module.
Figure 34: Account Administration Screen Displaying Manage Accounts Tab

For more information on setting up trainee accounts, please refer to the Account Management (AMS) user guide located at http://era.nih.gov/files/AMS_user_guide.pdf.
5 Personal Profile

Each eRA Commons account has an associated Personal Profile screen that includes information specific to the account holder.

Personal profile information is used to pre-populate appointment and termination forms in xTrain. The xTrain system will check to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information prior to routing your xTrain forms back to the PD/PI.

5.1 Creating Personal Profile

Once an xTrain Trainee account is created (for instructions on creating a Trainee account see section Account Setup), the Trainee must log into eRA Commons and access each of the trainee specific Personal Profile pages to provide the information used to populate xTrain-related forms.

xTrain will check the Trainee’s Profile during the Appointment and Termination process and will generate Errors and/or Warnings if expected information is not provided or conflicts with NIH policies for the designated type of appointment.

In order to complete their personal profile successfully, the user must enter information in each of the tabs listed below the Personal Profile tab:

- Personal Information
- Race/Ethnicity
- Residential Address
- Degrees/Residency
- Trainee Specific

Figure 35: Personal Profile Tab

Carefully fill out your Personal Profile, paying particular attention to:

- Personal Information screen:
  - Gender
  - Social Security Number (SSN) – Trainees are asked to voluntarily provide the last four digits of their SSN. This helps the Agency identify you and manage your records in the eRA system.
5.2 **Personal Profile Fields Checked by xTrain**

The xTrain system relies on having current and complete information in a trainee’s personal profile in eRA Commons. If xTrain identifies an issue with invalid or missing trainee profile information, an error will be generated and it must be corrected before completing the xTrain function.

Trainees must keep their profiles up to date, paying special attention to the following fields that are checked within xTrain:

- **Personal Information** screen: gender, citizenship, disabilities, SSN (requested but not required), and date of birth
- **Race/Ethnicity** screen: ethnicity and race(s)

**NOTE:** Trainee Race, Ethnicity, Disabilities, Gender, and Birth Date must be entered. Where available, Do not wish to provide can be used. Trainees must enter this information on the Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.
• *Residential Address* screen: Trainee should provide permanent address (i.e., where trainee can be reached after the completion of the program)

• *Degrees/Residency* screen: enter all relevant degrees earned or in process, and residency information, if applicable

• *Trainee-Specific Information* screen: answer all the required questions and provide an explanation, if necessary.

### 5.3 *Personal Information*

The following fields on the *Personal Information* screen are checked by xTrain:

- First Name
- Last Name
- DOB – Date of Birth
- Citizenship
- Disabilities
- eRA Email
- Gender

**NOTE:** The following fields are required: **First Name**, **Last Name**, **Gender**, **DOB**, **Citizenship Country**, **eRA Email**, and the **Do you have a disability?** question.

**NOTE:** The eRA Email field is used for xTrain notifications and the Forgot Password function should be the same email address used when the user registered with eRA Commons.
Once all information has been entered into the *Personal Profile* screen, click the *Submit* button.

**NOTE:** Because the Personal Profile module is used by multiple eRA services, some fields are required only in specific circumstances. In addition, not all fields that are checked are marked as required on the profile screens.

### 5.3.1 Citizenship

Check the box corresponding to your citizenship and visa status. If not a U.S. citizen, list the country of citizenship.

Kirschstein-NRSA trainees and institutional career development scholars must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. A non-citizen national is an individual who, although not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States. Individuals in this category are generally born in lands which are not States, but which are under U.S. sovereignty, jurisdiction, or administration (e.g., American Samoa).

Trainees in non-NRSA research training programs and participants in research education award programs should consult the applicable Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for citizenship requirements.
Following the submission of their appointment through xTrain, trainees who are permanent residents of the U.S. must submit a signed and notarized statement certifying that they have (1) a Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551), or (2) other legal verification of such status.


### 5.4 Race/Ethnicity

The **Race and Ethnicity** tab should be selected, and the requested information supplied, after all information under the **Personal Information** tab has been completed.

![Race/Ethnicity Screen](image)

**Figure 37: Race/Ethnicity Screen**

Responses to the items on this screen will help provide statistical information on the participation of individuals from diverse groups in Public Health Service (PHS) programs and identify inequities in terms of recruitment and retention based on race, ethnicity, disability, and/or disadvantaged background.

Trainees, scholars, and participants are strongly encouraged to provide this information; however, declining to do so will in no way affect their appointments.

This information will be retained by the PHS in accordance with and protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. Racial/ethnic/disability/background data are confidential and all analyses utilizing the data will report aggregate statistical findings only and will not identify individuals. (See the Privacy Act Statement for more information at [http://www.usdoj.gov/privacy-file.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/privacy-file.htm).)

Once all information has been entered into the **Personal Profile** screen, click the **Submit** button.
5.4.1 Race

Check all of the boxes that apply or check Do Not Wish to Provide.

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, or South America and maintains tribal affiliation or community.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as Haitian or Negro can be used in addition to Black or African American.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

5.4.2 Ethnicity

The user must select either Non-Hispanic, Hispanic or Intentionally Withheld.

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, Spanish origin, can be used in addition to Hispanic or Latino.

5.5 Residential Address

The trainee should provide the permanent address (i.e., where the trainee can be reached after the completion of the program). Give an address where the appointed individual can be reached by mail after completion of the program. Do not give the present address unless it is considered permanent.

Once all information has been entered, click the Submit button.
5.6 List of Degrees

xTrain will check Degree information as part of the Appointment process as follows:

- PRE-BACCALAUREATE: does not have a bachelor’s degree
- PRE-DOC: must have a Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent
- POST-DOC: must have a PhD, MD, or equivalent

**NOTE:** Trainee should provide information on degrees in progress and their expected completion date.

Use the Add New Degree button to provide new or additional degree information.
5.6.1 Medical Residency Information

In order to provide Medical Residency information, at least one degree has to be reported within the user Personal Profile Degrees/Residency section of Commons.
Once degree information has been registered within Commons, a user can provide either completed or in-progress Medical Residency information by entering minimally the end date, or expected end date in the Residency screen.

![Add Medical Residency Screen](Image)

**Figure 41: Add Medical Residency Screen**

Related to degrees and residency is the Early Stage Investigator (ESI) status associated with the necessary ESI policies. In order to address both the duration of training and to protect the flux of new investigators, the NIH announced a new policy in fiscal year 2009 involving the identification of Early Stage Investigators (ESIs). ESIs are New Investigators who are within 10 years of completing their terminal research degree or within 10 years of completing their medical residency at the time that they apply for R01 grants. Applications from ESIs will be given special consideration during peer review and at the time of funding. Peer reviewers will be instructed to focus more on the proposed approach than on the track record, and to expect less preliminary data than would be provided by an established investigator. To this end, degree and residency information is directly related to ESI status. For more information on new and early stage investigator policies, go to [http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm#defearlystage](http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/index.htm#defearlystage)

### 5.6.2 Trainee-Specific Information

The Trainee-Specific Information screen includes additional information required for participation in institutional research training, career development or research education.
5.6.3 **Statement of Non-delinquency on U.S. Federal Debt**

A Statement of Non-delinquency on Federal Debt is required for each particular appointment period and is to be completed by each individual (trainee) appointed to receive financial support under a PHS institutional training grant.

If the prospective trainee is delinquent on Federal debt, the PHS must review the explanation. In such cases, the PHS shall (a) take such information into account when determining whether the prospective trainee is responsible with respect to that appointment, and (b) consider not approving the appointment until payment is made or satisfactory arrangements are made with the agency to which the debt is owed.

Therefore, it may be necessary for the PHS to contact the prospective trainee before the appointment can be approved to confirm the status of the debt and ascertain the payment arrangements for its liquidation. Individuals failing to liquidate indebtedness to the Federal Government in a businesslike manner place themselves at risk of not receiving PHS financial assistance.

The PHS awarding component shall notify the grantee institution in writing of its decision regarding the approval of a prospective appointee where this appointment discloses delinquency on Federal debt.

The trainee must check the appropriate box. If the “Yes” box is checked, please provide an explanation in the space provided.
NOTE: This question applies only to the trainee being appointed and does not apply to the Program Director submitting the form.

Examples of Federal Debt include delinquent taxes, audit disallowances, guaranteed or direct student loans, FHA loans, business loans, and other miscellaneous administrative debts. For purposes of this certification, the following definitions of “delinquency” apply:

- For direct loans and fellowships (whether awarded directly to the applicant by the Federal Government or by an institution using Federal funds), a debt more than 31 days past due on a scheduled financial payment. (This definition excludes service payback under a National Research Service Award.)
- For guaranteed and insured loans, recipients of a loan guaranteed by the Federal Government that the Federal Government has repurchased from a lender because the borrower breached the loan agreement and is in default.

5.6.4 Disadvantaged Background

To provide guidance in answering this question, the Trainee-Specific Information screen (See Figure 32) provides a hyperlink to further information on disadvantaged background.

Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are typically high school students or undergraduates, and:

- Come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds. These thresholds are based on family size, published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census; adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index; and adjusted by the Secretary for use in all health professions programs. The Secretary periodically publishes these income levels at [http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml](http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml). For individuals from low income backgrounds, the institution must be able to demonstrate that such candidates have qualified for Federal disadvantaged assistance or that they have received any of the following student loans: Health Professional Student Loans (HPSL), Loans for Disadvantaged Student Program, or that they have received scholarships from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the “Scholarship for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need”, or
- Come from a social, cultural, or educational environment such as that found in certain rural or inner city environments that have demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career.

Under extraordinary circumstances the PHS may, at its discretion, consider an individual beyond the undergraduate level to be from a disadvantaged background. Such decisions will be made on a
case-by-case basis, based on appropriate documentation. Trainees beyond the undergraduate level should consult with their training grant PD/PIs for further instructions.
When the xTrain tab is selected for users with the BO and SO role, the List of Grants screen is the default screen. There is a Search for WIP Appointments and Terminations tab that when clicked displays the Search for WIP Appointments and Terminations screen. This screen provides the user the ability to find appointments, re-appointments, amendments and termination notices that are Work in Progress (WIPs). That is, the Appointments and Termination Notices are still in the process of being submitted or, if already submitted, not yet accepted.

1. To access the screen, click the Search for WIP Appointments and Terminations tab.

![Figure 43: Search for WIP Appointments and Terminations Screen](image)

The Search Criteria include Trainee Last Name, Trainee First Name, Grant # Type, Activity Code, IC, Serial Number, Year, Suffix, PD Last Name, and PD First Name. If the ARRA Funded Only check box is selected, the system only displays ARRA funded grants.

**NOTE:** A red asterisk (*) next to the field name indicates a required field. Of these search fields, IC (Institute/Center) field is required.

2. Enter the appropriate search criteria.

In addition, the system requires searching by WIP Record Status.

The WIP Appointment statuses are:

- *In Progress PI* - The PD/PI is the current reviewer of the form.
- *In Progress Trainee* – The trainee is the current reviewer of the form.
- *All WIP Records* - The system displays all in progress records if appropriate.

The WIP Termination statuses are:
In Progress PI - The PD/PI is the current reviewer of the form.

In Progress Sponsor – The Sponsor is the current reviewer of the form.

In Progress BO - The BO is the current reviewer of the form.

All WIP Records- The system displays all in progress records if appropriate.

3. Select the appropriate appointment or termination status.

4. Click the **Search** button to execute the search or click the **Clear** button to clear out the search criteria.

When the **Search** button is clicked, the system displays the search results. If no records are found, the system displays the following message: *No records returned. Refine the search and try again.*

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**Figure 44: Search for WIP Appointments and Terminations Screen Displaying Appointment Search Results**

The following hyperlinks are available in the **Appointment Status** column.

- **In Progress Trainee**
- **In Progress PI**
- **Accepted**

The following hyperlinks are available in the **Termination Status** column.

- **In Progress PI**
- **In Progress Sponsor**
- **In Progress BO**
- **Accepted**

When any of these hyperlinks are clicked the system displays the appropriate **Routing History** screen. For more information, please refer to the **Routing History** topic.

The following hyperlinks are available in the **View** column.

- **View 2271**
- **View Payback**
• View TN

When any of these hyperlinks are clicked the system displays the appropriate form in a PDF format. For more information please refer to the View 2271 and View TN topic or the Payback Agreement form topic.

The following hyperlinks are available in the Action column.

• 2271 Form
• Term Notice

When the 2271 Form hyperlink or the Term Notice hyperlink is clicked, the system displays the Statement of Training Appointment form screen or the Termination Notice form screen respectively. On both screens, there is a Cancel button and a View PDF button.

On Statement of Training Appointment form screen there is also a Validate button that when clicked, the system displays any validation errors. The validation process does not change any status. For more information, please refer to the Appointment Errors/Warnings Quick Reference topic for more information.
7 Appointments

A trainee may be appointed at any time during the grant budget period for an appointment period of 9 to 12 months (for T-activity codes that are not T35), without prior approval by the NIH awarding office.

The time period may be different for scholars appointed to institutional career development awards and participants appointed to research education awards.

At the time of the initial appointment and any subsequent reappointment, the training PD/PI must submit a Statement of Appointment to the NIH awarding office. The Statement of Appointment includes biographical and other information on the trainee and the stipend level for the period of appointment.

In addition to the Statement of Appointment, a signed Payback Agreement must be submitted for each postdoctoral trainee who is in his/her first 12 months of Kirschstein-NRSA postdoctoral support.

For more information concerning the 2271 form, see Appendix A – Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) in the external xTrain user guide located at http://inside.era.nih.gov/files/xTrain_UG_v2.26.0.0.pdf.
7.1 Create New Appointment – PD/PI

To create an appointment:

1. PD/PI logs into eRA Commons and selects the xTrain tab to bring up the My Grants screen. PD/PI is presented with a list of his/her grants.
2. PD/PI chooses a grant and clicks the View Trainee Roster hyperlink.

3. Click Create New Appointment beside the desired grant.

4. Enter the Trainee Commons User ID in the Trainee User ID: box then click the Continue button. The system associates the Trainee with the grant and displays the Statement of Appointment screen.
If the PD/PI does not have the Trainee User ID:, click on the Identify Trainee hyperlink to enter other search parameters to help locate an existing Trainee User ID: or click Create New Trainee Profile to create a new trainee profile.

After identifying a Trainee, the PD/PI is presented with a 2271 form with some fields pre-populated from the Trainee’s Personal Profile.
Here are the Business Rules for bottom portion of the Statement of Appointment Form.

1. Period cannot exceed 12 months and the start date must fall within the budget period.
2. The Stipend level must be entered for everyone except for scholars and participants. Must be appropriate to trainee degree and experience.
3. Users enter salaries/other compensation for a whole or partial year for scholars or participants.
4. Must recalculate date if calendar boxes are used.

5. The PD/PI fills out the additional required (*) information in the Period of Performance and Support for Period of Performance sections, and clicks Save to save the form. Additional action buttons appear at the bottom of the form after the initial save. Once the form is complete, click the Save & Route to Trainee button. The system will check the form prior to routing. Any identified errors must be corrected prior to routing. Warnings may be addressed at your discretion.

6. Provide comments to be sent via e-mail to the next recipient of the form, and then click the Continue button.
NOTE: Comments can also be seen from the Routing History. The Comments: text box is limited to 2000 characters.

7. After the Appointment Initiation Confirmation notice appears, click the Done button.

![Figure 54: Appointment Initiation Confirmation Screen](image)

8. The status of 2271 is changed to In Progress Trainee.

![Figure 55: In-Progress Trainee Status Screen](image)

After receiving an email about the appointment and logging into xTrain, the trainee reviews and completes the necessary information. The Trainee then routes the 2271 back to the PD/PI.

The system will check the form prior to routing. Any identified errors must be corrected prior to routing. Warnings may be addressed at your discretion. If no errors are encountered, the appointment status becomes In Progress PI.

![Figure 56: In-Progress PI Status Screen](image)

9. To complete the Appointment, the PD/PI reviews the 2271 form one last time by clicking the Process 2271 hyperlink, and then clicks the Save & Submit to Agency button.
10. Optional comments (up to 2000 characters) can be included in an e-mail message sent to the Agency. If desired, enter comments into the comments field and click the **Continue** button.

11. Click the **I Accept** button.

12. Click the **Done** button, which will record the PD/PIs Electronic Signature, and bring up the **Submit to Agency Confirmation** screen.
13. In addition to confirming the submission of the appointment, the Submit to Agency
   Confirmation screen provides reminders about any further action that may be needed:
   - Pre-doc Appointments – No further action is needed, unless confirmation of permanent
     residency status is required.
   - Post-doc Appointments:
     - For those entering their initial year of Kirschstein-NRSA post-doc support, mail the
       original signed Payback Agreement (6031) form to the awarding NIH Institute or
       Center
     - Mail confirmation of permanent residency, if needed

14. The xTrain system checks the form. If error free, the form is routed, and the status of 2271
    is changed to Pending Agency Review.
15. The PD/PI mails any required documentation or forms to the awarding component.
16. The Agency can accept the appointment, place it on hold, hold it for a paper signature,
    delete it, view the PDF file, or route it back to the Institution by clicking the appropriate
    button on the screen. These buttons are available, and made active based on roles.

### 7.1.1 Submit Appointments to the Agency Using the Batch Process

The PD/PI also has the ability to submit appointments to the Agency several at a time through the
batch process instead of individually. If there is an error or a warning, the PD/PI is able to review
errors and warnings for each appointment. The PD/PI can also enter a comment for each
appointment.

To submit Appointments to the Agency through the batch process:

1. Open the My Grants Screen.
2. Click the **View Pending Submissions** hyperlink for a grant.

3. The **Pending Submissions** screen appears. There is a **Select All** button to choose all of the pending submissions or select the checkbox for a particular record. Enters comments as necessary per record.

4. Click the **Submit** button.

**NOTE:** If a validation error is generated for one appointment, amendment or re-appointment in the batch, the PD/PI is presented with an option to de-select this appointment, amendment or re-appointment from the batch and re-submit all other appointments that do not have errors or that only have warnings.

### 7.2 Process New Appointment – Trainee

Trainee users are brought to the **Trainee Appointments and Terminations** screen when the **xTrain** tab is selected.
Click the **Process 2271** hyperlink to access the Appointment form. The 2271 form is opened and pre-populated with personal information pulled from the Trainee Profile and appointment information entered by the PD/PI.

![Figure 63: Trainee Appointments and Terminations Screen](image)

If applicable, the Trainee must select the appropriate Specialty Boards and indicate if enrolled in a dual-degree program.
Prior Kirschstein-NRSA Support information is pulled from the profile. To correct or update this information, go to Admin/Account/Verify NIH Support and enter a grant number. It is here that the Trainee would review the remaining information on the form and contact their PD/PI with any concerns.

If time does not permit, or if all required (*) information is not readily available, the Trainee can click the Save button at any time and complete the form later if need be. Once complete the Trainee should click the Save & Route to PI button to continue the Appointment process.
When the Trainee clicks the **Save & Route to PI** button, the system will validate the information contained in the 2271 form and will flag any Errors or Warnings found. Errors must be corrected before the Appointment is routed. Warnings are corrected at your discretion.

**Statement of Training Appointment**

**Error Message**

- Appointment validation errors:
  - Trainee citizenship must be entered. Trainee must enter this information on Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.

  
  **Project Number:** T32 MH 31208  
  **Appointment Status:** in Progress  
  **View Routing History**  
  **Project Title:** XTRAIN DEMO TRAINING GRANT  
  **Institution:** UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
  **PD Name:** Money, cher I.D.

Optional comments (up to 2000 characters) can be included in e-mail message sent to PD/PI. Once any comments have been entered click the **Continue** button.
The Route to PI Confirmation screen will record your electronic signature when you click the I Accept button.

Click the Done button to finish. xTrain will then change the Appointment Status to In Progress PI.
7.3 Reappointments

Trainees whose appointments are coming to an end can be reappointed to grants that have future award years.

**NOTE:** If the preceding appointment was submitted via a paper form, then a new appointment has to be completed rather than a reappointment.

To reappoint a Trainee:

1. Access the xTrain module.
2. Access the Trainee Roster screen.
3. Click the **Re-Appoint 2271** hyperlink for the specific Trainee appointment line item.

The system displays the Statement of Appointment screen. There is a Grant or Supplement Available for Re-Appointment drop down from which the PD/PI must select the appropriate grant or supplement to which the trainee can be appointed.

Follow the steps for Appointments, but here are some key things to note while completing the form:

1. The **FROM** date should be within the budget period of the grant for the reappointment.
2. The format of the date fields is MM/DD/YYYY.
3. After the dates are entered, press the **Save** button to have the stipend amounts for the new fiscal year appear in the drop-down menu.
4. Select the appropriate stipend amount.
NOTE: For partial years, the stipend amount can be adjusted. No commas or decimals are allowed in the **Stipend Amount** field.

5. After all required fields are entered for the re-appointment, follow the steps for routing and submitting the re-appointment in the Appropriate section.

NOTE: Reappointments follow the same process as Appointments. To access the Re-Appoint 2271 form, if necessary, click [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm). To access the Re-Appoint 2271 form’s instructions, if necessary, click [http://grants.nih.gov/training/phs2271.doc](http://grants.nih.gov/training/phs2271.doc).

### 7.4 Amendments

Once an appointment is accepted by the Agency, an amendment is required in order to change any of the following items:

- Name
- Permanent Mailing Address
- Appointment Period
- Support from the Grant

NOTE: Some changes, such as name or mailing address, will also need to be updated by the Trainee under Personal Profile within eRA Commons.

The user must be a PD/PI or Delegate (ASST) to amend a 2271. To create an Amendment:

1. Click the Amend 2271 hyperlink on the Trainee Roster screen in xTrain.

NOTE: Only appointments can be amended. Fellowships cannot be amended.

![Amend 2271 Hyperlink](image)

*Figure 73: Amend 2271 Hyperlink*

2. The original 2271 as it was submitted will be displayed.
3. When you view the 2271 PDF file, there will be an Amendment section appended at the end.

If a Kirschstein-NRSA research training appointment is ending earlier than initially planned, the PD/PI should initiate a Termination, which will automatically amend the appointment and capture the new end date.
For institutional career development and other non-NRSA appointments ending early, the PD/PI should document the new appointment end date by amending the appointment, unless specifically instructed to use the Termination Notice by the NIH awarding Institute and/or Center (IC). Refer to Section on Terminations for additional information.

**IMPORTANT:** Original Appointment

![2271 Form](image1)

**NOTE:** The Amendment Section appears at the bottom of the PDF.

![2271 Form’s Amendment Section](image2)

4. Make the desired updates by entering them into the Editable Amendment section.
5. Click Save.

**NOTE:** Amendments follow the same process as Appointments.
## 7.4.1 ARRA - Ability to Reappoint Trainee to a Supplement

xTrain will now look at both the support year of the grant and the suffix code. The system will have the capability to reappoint a Trainee to a supplemental year as well as the next award year. To perform this action, the user will now have a drop-down selection of grant numbers to which the Trainees can be reappointed, but only on the Reappointment form. The system will also allow reappointment of the Trainee to the current year if the current year is for an ARRA-funded grant.

![Figure 76: Re-Appointment Screen](image)

Additionally, the Trainee Roster can now be sorted so that the newest grant is listed first and the oldest grant is listed last.
8 Terminations

The Termination Notice documents the termination of NRSA fellowships and appointments to NRSA training grants.

It may also be used to document the termination of appointments to non-NRSA institutional research training programs (e.g., NLM T15’s), research education awards (e.g., R25), and institutional career development awards (e.g., K12).

For non-NRSA awards, please refer to the Funding Opportunity Announcement or Notice of Award to determine whether a termination notice is required.

Note that the flow below is for institutional research training programs. The flow for terminating fellowships, career development awards and research education awards, if applicable, differs.

8.1 Who Can Initiate/Submit Termination Notices

xTrain users with the following eRA Commons roles can initiate a termination notice:

- Principal Investigator (PI) – this role includes Fellows
- Assistant (ASST) with a PD/PI xTrain-delegated role
- Business Official (BO)
- Sponsor (for fellowships)
- Sponsor Delegate (for fellowships)

Only the BO can submit a Termination Notice (TN) to the Agency for NRSA appointments and fellowships.

Only the PD/PI can submit a Termination Notice for career development awards (e.g. K12, KL2, and KM1) and research education awards (e.g. R25, R90). The BO is not involved.

For Federal and Foreign fellowships, the PD/PI (Fellow), and the Sponsor can submit the Termination Notice. For more information see Appendix B – Termination Notice (416-7 Form).

8.2 Initiate a New Termination Notice for Appointments– PD/PI

To initiate a Termination Notice as a PD/PI:

The PD/PI logs into eRA Commons and selects the xTrain tab that displays the My Grants screen. The PD/PI is presented with a list of his/her grants.

The PD/PI chooses a grant and clicks on the View Trainee Roster hyperlink.

The PD/PI locates the trainee on the Trainee Roster screen and clicks the Initiate TN hyperlink.

NOTE: The Initiate TN hyperlink in the Action column of the Trainee Roster screen will not display if there is an existing WIP appointment for the same Trainee.

The PD/PI is then presented with a Termination Notice (Form 416-7) with some fields pre-populated with already available data from the system.

NOTE: The PD/PI must select the name of the Business Official (BO), who will submit the termination notice to the agency.

Termination Notice - Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award

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*Indicates required field

**NOTE:** The PD/PI must select the name of the Business Official (BO), who will submit the termination notice to the agency.

This form is used to submit the Termination Notice for a Trainee's appointment. It includes the Trainee's contact information, the degree earned, and the status of the appointment.

**Figure 78: Termination Notice (Form 416-7) –Top Portion**

Here are some key things to note before completing the form:

1. The Termination Date format is MM/DD/YYYY.
2. No commas or decimals are allowed in the Amount of Stipend/Salary field.
3. All comment text boxes are limited to 2000 characters.
4. The Termination Notice can only be modified once.
5. Only the Business Official (BO) can submit the Termination Notice to the Agency for NRSA appointments and fellowships. For career development awards (e.g. K12, KL2, and KM1) and research awards (e.g. R25, R90), only the PD/PI can submit the termination notice.

### 8.2.1 Early Terminations

If a Trainee terminates early, only the Appointment that is being terminated, as well as all previous Appointments, will get terminated with the early termination date. Any future Appointments, including the ones in the same budget period, will not get terminated.

**NOTE:** Only whole numbers are allowed in the Amount of Stipend Salary field.
If the Appointment is ending earlier than initially planned, use the **Modify Termination Date** button to adjust the last Appointment period. The system will automatically amend the Appointment End Date and will recalculate the stipend.

**NOTE:** When the end date is modified, and the appointment is for a partial year, sometimes the recalculated stipend amount will differ from the stipend amount calculated by the institution. The institution can modify the stipend based on its calculation. The Agency will approve the modified stipend, if it is within an appropriate range.

**NOTE:** The **Termination Date** format is MM/DD/YYYY.
Modify Termination Date

You are requesting to modify the Termination Date. Note that you can only change this Date to shorten the last Trainee Appointment period. Upon acceptance of the Termination Notice form by Agency, the system will automatically amend the last appointment end date and re-calculate the stipend amount for the last appointment. The system will pre-populate a recalculated stipend amount into the enterable field on the Termination Notice Form (you will see it as soon as you click Continue on this screen), and you can further modify the stipend amount right on that screen.

1. The PD/PI fills out additional required (*) information and then clicks the Save button. The status of the TN is changed to In Progress PI.
2. To continue to process the TN, scroll down to the bottom of the form where additional buttons now appear or you can open the form later from the Trainee Roster screen as described below.

3. From the Trainee Roster screen, the PD/PI clicks the Process TN hyperlink to open the form. If time does not permit, or if all required (*) information is not readily available, the PD/PI can click the Save button at any time and complete the form later if need be. Once complete the PD/PI should click the Save & Route to Trainee button, which is now visible on the bottom of the Trainee screen to send the form to the Trainee.

4. The PD/PI is given an opportunity to provide comments (up to 2000 characters) to be included in the e-mail message that will be sent to the Trainee. If desired, enter comments and then click the Continue button.

5. When the Termination Notice Confirmation screen appears, click the Done button.

6. At this point, the status of the Termination Notice (TN) is changed to In Progress Trainee. If no action is taken by Trainee in 14 business days, the system will automatically route the form back to the PD/PI, send a notification to PD/PI, and change the status of the TN to In Progress PI.
NOTE: The PD/PI should make every effort to have the Trainee update their Personal Profile screen within Commons, specifically update their email address with their new (forwarding) email address, before the Trainee leaves the Institution. Otherwise, the PD/PI needs to know, and be able to provide, a forwarding email address for the Trainee to be entered within the Termination Notice.

7. From the Trainee Roster screen, the PD/PI should click the Process TN hyperlink to open the form once the trainee fills out the required information.

8. PD/PI reviews the form and clicks the Save & Route to BO button at the bottom of the screen to send the form to the BO.

9. PD/PI is provided opportunity to provide comments (up to 2000 characters) to be included in e-mail message sent to BO. If desired, enter comments and then click the Continue button.
10. Click **I Certify** button. This will record your electronic signature.

11. Click the **Done** button.

12. Status of TN is changed to **In Progress BO**.

### 8.3 Process Termination Notice – Trainee

To process a Termination Notice as a Trainee:
1. From the *Trainee Appointments and Terminations* screen, the Trainee clicks the **Process TN** hyperlink to access the form.

![Trainee Appointments and Terminations Screen](image1)

*Figure 91: Trainee Appointments and Terminations Screen*

2. The Termination Notice is opened and pre-populated with information pulled from the Trainee profile and data previously entered by the PD/PI.

![Termination Notice - Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award](image2)

*Figure 92: Termination Notice (Form 416-7) – Top Portion*
A summary of the Training Received and research undertaken by the Trainee is added to the Termination Notice either in the comment field or via a file upload. To upload a file, click the Browse button and select the desired PDF formatted file from your personal file directory.
3. The Trainee fills out the required (*) Termination Notice (TN) information and clicks the Save & Route to PI button. The system will run a quick validation process and present any errors or warnings to be addressed by the trainee before it is routed to the PI. If all required fields are complete, the form is routed to the PI and the Trainee’s electronic signature is recorded and the Termination Status is changed to In Progress PI.

NOTE: The Trainee’s mailing and email address need to be ones where they can be reached after their training has been terminated.

4. Additionally, the trainee should update their information in the Personal Profile section within Commons and should know how to contact the Help Desk if the list of prior Kirschstein-NRSA support is incorrect.

5. The Trainee is provided an opportunity to provide comments. Comments: (up to 2000 characters) will be included in an e-mail message sent to the PI. Click Continue.
6. Click the **I Certify** button. This will record your electronic signature.

![Figure 96: Provide Comments Screen](image.png)

**Termination Notice Certification**

In signing this form, I certify that the statements therein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Willful provision of false information is a criminal offense (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement may, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, subject me to civil penalties under the Program Fraud and Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (45 CFR Part 79). Also, if I have a payback obligation, I understand that payback service must begin within 2 years of terminating my Kirschstein-NRSA support, otherwise, financial payback becomes due, unless an extension of the 2 year service initiation period or a waiver of the obligation is granted. I also understand that if I fail to repay both principal and interest, the Federal Government will take authorized actions to collect the debt.

![Figure 97: Termination Notice Certification](image.png)

7. Click the **Done** button.

![Figure 98: Termination Notice Confirmation](image.png)

8. The status of the TN is then changed to **In Progress PI**.

![Figure 99: Trainee Appointments and Terminations](image.png)
If no action is taken by the PI within 14 business days, the system will automatically route the form to the Business Official (BO), send a notification to the BO, and change the status to **In Progress** by BO.

**NOTE:** If a TN is sent back to an Institution by the Agency and the TN has a status of **In Progress BO**, the PI is able to recall the TN.

**NOTE:** The PD/PI should make every effort to have the Trainee update their **Personal Profile** screen within Commons, specifically update their email address with their new (forwarding) email address, before the Trainee leaves the Institution.

### 8.4 Process New Termination Notice – BO

To create a Termination Notice as a BO:

1. xTrain users with the BO role are brought to the grants search screen when the **xTrain** tab is selected. Provide search criteria such as the PDs last name, and click the **Search** button.

![Figure 100: List of Grants Screen](image1)

2. Select the **View Trainee Roster** hyperlink.

![Figure 101: BO Trainee Roster](image2)

3. From the **Trainee Roster** screen, BO clicks the **Process TN** hyperlink to open the form.
4. BO reviews TN and clicks the **Save & Submit to Agency** button at the bottom of the screen.

5. BO is provided opportunity to provide comments (up to 2000 characters) to will be included in e-mail message sent to the Agency. If desired, enter comments and then click the **Continue** button.

6. Click the **I Certify** button. This will record your electronic signature.
7. Click the **Done** button.

**NOTE:** The Business Official (BO) is the only one who can submit a Termination Notice (TN) to the Agency for final processing and acceptance.

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8. Status of TN is changed to **Pending Agency Review**.

9. Agency can Approve the TN, Place on Hold, or Return to Institution with comments.

### 8.5 Terminating Fellowships

Users can also initiate and submit termination notices for fellowships via xTrain. Once the Fellowships are terminated, they will be automatically closed. As with training appointments, institution users will be able to terminate Fellowships early. Internal users will not be able to accept the TN until the Fellowship award is revised to show the new end date.
8.5.1 Initiating a Termination Notice for Fellowships

The Termination Notice for a Fellow can be initiated by the PD/PI (Fellow), Business Official (BO), Sponsor or Sponsor Delegate. The flow diagram indicates the preferred process: the Fellow initiates the termination notice; the Sponsor routes and certifies it; and the Business Official submits it to the Agency.

The individual that initiates the award termination is the user.

- The user locates the most recent Fellowship on the Trainee Roster screen.
- The user selects the Initiate TN hyperlink for the appropriate Fellowship to be terminated.
- The user is presented with a Termination Notice (PHS 416-7) with fields pre-populated with data from the eRA system.
- The Modify Termination Date button within the Termination Notice can be used for early terminations of the Fellowship.
- The user reviews the Termination Notice and makes any necessary edits/additions (such as updating the email address of the PD/PI (Fellow) and entering/uploading the training materials).
provided), selects the BO who could Submit the form, and then presses Save to retain the form.

**NOTE:** For Federal or Foreign (the Institution is outside the US) Fellowships, the PD/PI (Fellow), and the Sponsor, as well as the BO can submit the Termination Notice.

- The Termination Status is set according to the role of the individual who initiated it: *Either In Progress PI, In Progress Sponsor, or In Progress BO.*

**NOTE:** Additional action buttons appear at the bottom of the form.

- The user decides who will be the next reviewer of the Termination Notice, and routes it to that individual.
  - The Fellow can route it to either the Sponsor or the BO. The Termination Status is set to either In Progress Sponsor or In Progress BO, depending on who will be the next reviewer.
  - **NOTE:** It is preferable that the Fellow route the Termination Notice to the Sponsor.
  - The Sponsor can route it to either the Fellow or the BO. The Termination Status is set to either In Progress PI or In Progress BO, depending on who will be the next reviewer.
  - At least one individual in addition to the person who initiated the Termination Notice should review the Termination Notice.
  - The system runs the validation process and presents any errors or warnings to be addressed. Any errors must be corrected prior to routing. If error-free (warnings are OK), the form is routed. The Electronic Signature of the user is recorded, and the Termination Status is changed to that of the next reviewer.
  - Except for Foreign or Federal Fellowships, the Fellowship must be routed to the BO for submission to the Agency.

**NOTE:** (If no action is taken):

- Termination Notices are automatically routed from the Sponsor to the BO after 14 days
- Termination Notices are automatically routed from the PD/PI (Fellow) to the BO after 14 days

### 8.5.2 The BO Reviews and Submits the TN to the Agency

- The BO logs into eRA Commons, selects the *xTrain* tab and is presented with a Search screen. The BO enters search criteria and clicks Search. The BO selects the **View Trainee**
**Roster** hyperlink for the grant.

- From the *Trainee Roster* screen, the BO clicks the **Process TN** hyperlink to open the form. The BO reviews the TN and clicks the **Save & Submit to Agency** button.
  - The system runs the validation process and presents any errors or warnings to be addressed by the BO.
  - If error-free (warnings are OK), the form is submitted, the BO’s Electronic Signature is recorded and the **Termination Status** is changed to **Pending Agency Review**.

### 8.5.3 The Agency Processes the TN

1. The Agency can accept the Termination Notice or return it with comments.
2. The Agency cannot immediately accept the TN if the end date of the Fellowship was modified and the stipend does not agree with the Notice of Award (NoA). In such a situation, the Agency user has to put the Termination Notice on hold until the NoA is modified.
9 Other Functions

Like most actions taken within the eRA Commons system, most functions are based on user roles and the associated authority as it relates to a specific role.

9.1 Delegation – ASST Role

A PD/PI can delegate to an Assistant the authority to perform all xTrain-related functions on their behalf except for the authority to submit Appointments, Amendments and Reappointments to the Agency.

ASSTs with xTrain delegation can perform all other PD/PI functions prior to submission. ASSTs will receive the same e-mail notifications as the PD/PI.

eRA Commons allows PD/PIs to delegate several types of authority (e.g., PPF, Progress Report, xTrain, Status). Currently, each type of authority must be delegated separately.

The institution’s Signing Official (SO) must add the ASST role to the individual’s existing eRA Commons account or create an eRA Commons account with the ASST role for the individual if he/she does not already have an account.

9.1.1 Assign Delegation

1. After logging into Commons, PD/PI selects the Admin tab in the blue navigation bar across the top of the screen. Then select the Delegation sub-menu.

The system displays the My Delegates screen.

Figure 109: Commons My Delegates Screen Displaying Search or Add Delegate Hyperlink
2. Click the **Search or Add Delegate** hyperlink.
3. Search for the appropriate person and click the **Select** button to select the appropriate person on the **Search for Delegates** screen.

The **Delegate Authority (Authorities)** screen appears.

4. Check the **xTrain** box and click the **Save** button on the **Delegate Authority (Authorities)** screen.

For more information on delegations, refer to the section titled **Delegations** in the Commons user guide located at [http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf](http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf).

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**9.1.2 Remove Delegation**

1. In Commons the PD/PI selects the **Admin** tab in the blue navigation bar across the top of the screen and selects the **Delegations** sub-menu tab.
2. On the **My Delegates** screen, the PD/PI selects the appropriate user.
3. On the **Delegate Authority (Authorities)** screen, the PD/PI un-checks the **xTrain** box and clicks the **Save** button.

For more information, refer to the section titled **Delegations – Remove Delegations** in the Commons user guide located at [http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf](http://era.nih.gov/docs/COM_UGV2630.pdf).
9.2 Training Grants

9.2.1 View Training Grants for SO/BO

For users with the SO or BO roles, the List of Grants screen displays as shown in the List of Grants search screen below.

To view the List of Grants screen:

1. Access the Commons system at https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/.
2. Click the xTrain navigation tab.

The List of Grants screen displays training grant query parameters.

3. Complete the appropriate text boxes and click the Search button.

The system displays query results as a list of training grants.
9.2.2 Viewing Training Grants for More than one PD/PI

An Assistant (ASST) can have xTrain privileges delegated from more than one PD/PI. These users can view training grants assigned/associated to each delegating PD/PI.

For an ASST with multiple delegated privileges, xTrain displays the My Grants screen with a drop-down list. The My Grants screen displays a list of PD/PI names.

Select a PD/PI name from the drop-down list.

The Grant Summary screen displays a list of grants for the selected PD/PI.
9.3 View 2271 and View TN PDF

Any xTrain user can click View 2271 PDF hyperlink or View TN PDF hyperlink on the Trainee Roster screen to look at the most recent Appointment or Termination form.

If it is not yet submitted to Agency (or if previously submitted on paper), the system creates the view on the fly, pulling the most current information from the profile/database and including any entered data.

If it is already electronically submitted, a snapshot of the form at time of submission is displayed.

The xTrain system displays the most recently OMB-approved form; for historical paper submissions, the form may not look identical to the one submitted.

9.4 View Routing History

The View Routing History hyperlink is available throughout many of the xTrain processes. This hyperlink provides event history and includes routing comments. The hyperlink can be accessed...
from within forms or from the Appointment/Termination Status screen.

![Statement of Training Appointment](image)

**Figure 118: Statement of Training Appointment Screen Displaying View Routing History Hyperlink**

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**Figure 119: Routing History Screen**

**NOTE:** The text listed under the **Action Comments** field includes information that was entered by users in the **Provide Comments** screen.

### 9.5 View Grant Summaries

On the **My Grants** and **List of Grants** screens, the grant number is a hypertext hyperlink that takes the user to the **Grant Summary** screen when clicked. To view a grant summary from the **My Grants** or **List of Grants** screens, click the **Grant Number** to access the **Grant Summary** screen.
Figure 120: My Grants Screen Displaying Grant Number Hyperlinks

NOTE: Data entry for previously submitted paper actions may be still in progress.

The Grant Summary screen displays.

Figure 121: Grants Summary Screen Displaying Actions Accepted

NOTE: Fields displayed on the Grant Summary screen cannot be edited.

9.6 View Trainee Roster

To view the Trainee Roster screen from the My Grants screens:

1. Click on View Trainee Roster hyperlink.
2. Make a selection from the drop down and click the Go button.

9.6.1 Trainee Roster Fields

The following are the possible descriptors that can be shown for each of the fields in the Trainee Roster.

(1) Appointment Type:
   - New
   - Reappointment
   - Amendment

(2) Appointment Status:
- Pending Agency Review
- On Hold by Agency
- On Hold by Agency – Waiting Paper Signature
- In Progress PI
- In Progress Trainee
- In Progress BO

(3) Appointment Source:
- Paper
- Electronic

(4) Termination Status:
- In Progress PI
- In Progress Trainee
- In Progress BO
- Pending Agency Review
- On Hold by Agency
- On Hold by Agency – Awaiting Award Revision (for Fellowships only)
- Accepted (When the termination status is “Accepted,” the appointment status is “Terminated.”)

(5) View:
- View 2271
- View TN
- View Payback

(6) Action:
- Process 2271
- 2271 Form
- Amend 2271
- Initiate TN
- Process TN
- Reappoint 2271 (This only appears when there is an awarded future year for the grant to which the Trainee has not already been appointed.)
Figure 124: Trainee Roster Fields
10 Email Messages

10.1 Email Reminders for Time Based xTrain Activities

The following email reminders will be sent to facilitate time based xTrain activities.

10.1.1 Email Reminder to Fellow (PI), Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate, and BO—30 Days Before Fellowship End Date

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), the Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate, and the BO if the Fellowship End Date is within 30 days and the Fellowship is not yet terminated and the email has not yet been sent for this Fellowship.

10.1.2 Email Reminder to Fellow (PI), Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate and BO—Fellowship End Date has Passed

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), the Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate, and the BO if the Fellowship End Date has passed and the Fellowship is not yet terminated and the email has not yet been sent for this Fellowship.

10.1.3 Email Reminder to Fellow (PI), Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate and BO—Fellowship End Date has Passed 30 Days Ago

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), the Sponsor, Sponsor Delegate, and the BO if the Fellowship End Date has passed 30 days ago and the Fellowship is not yet terminated and the email has not yet been sent for this Fellowship.

NOTE: The system sends one consolidated email if multiple records are found that meet the above mentioned conditions.

10.2 Email Notifications to Manage the Termination Process for Fellowships

The following email notifications will be sent in the process of managing Fellowship Termination Notices.

10.2.1 Fellowship TN Routed to Sponsor

The system sends an email to the Sponsor and the Sponsor Delegate anytime the Termination Notice requires more processing.

10.2.2 Fellowship TN is on Hold Awaiting Award Revision

The system sends an email to the BO and the IC Central Mailbox anytime the termination date is modified in xTrain and the award has not yet been modified with the new date.
10.2.3 Fellowship TN Routed to Fellow (PI)

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI) anytime the Termination Notice requires more processing.

10.2.4 Fellowship TN Submitted to Agency

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), Sponsor, and Sponsor Delegate anytime a Termination Notice is submitted to the Agency.

10.2.5 Fellowship TN Routed to BO

The system sends an email to the BO anytime a Termination Notice requires more processing.

10.2.6 Fellowship TN Accepted by Agency

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), BO, Sponsor, and Sponsor Delegate anytime a Termination Notice is accepted by the Agency.

10.2.7 Fellowship TN Rejected by Agency

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), BO, Sponsor, and Sponsor Delegate anytime a Termination Notice is rejected by the Agency.

10.2.8 Fellowship TN Recalled

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), BO, Sponsor, and Sponsor Delegate anytime a Termination Notice is recalled.

10.2.9 Fellowship TN Deleted Email

The system sends an email to the Fellow (PI), BO, Sponsor, and Sponsor Delegate anytime a Termination Notice is deleted.
11 Getting Help


Users may also request assistance from the eRA Commons Help Desk:

eRA Commons Help Desk
Web: http://ithelpdesk.nih.gov/eRA/ (Preferred method of contact)
Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552
Phone: 301-402-7469
TTY: 301-451-5939
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

11.0.1 Hyperlinks of Interest:

eRA Commons:
https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/

eRA Web Site:
http://era.nih.gov

xTrain Web Page:
(Application Launch, Quick Reference sheets, FAQs, Training Materials)
http://era.nih.gov/era_training/xtrain.cfm

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Page:
(Policy Information, Stipend Levels, FAQs)
http://grants.nih.gov/training/nrsa.htm

NIH Forms & Applications:
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm
12 Appendix A – Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271)

The Public Health Service (PHS) estimates that it will take 15 minutes to complete this form. This includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering needed information, and completing and reviewing the form. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments regarding the amount of time it takes to complete this form or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, send comments to: NIH, Project Clearance Office, 6705 Rockledge Drive MSC 7974, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, ATTN: PRA (0925-0001). Do not return the completed form to this address.

I. INTRODUCTION
This form is to be used to appoint individuals as trainees to institutional Ruth L. Kirschstein-National Service Research Award (Kirschstein-NRSA) programs (e.g., T32, T34, T35) and applicable non-NRSA institutional research training programs (e.g., T15). It can also be used to document the appointment of scholars to institutional career development awards (e.g., K12) and individual participants to research education awards (e.g., R25).

Please read carefully the following instructions, including the Privacy Act Statement at the end of this document. All items on the form must be completed unless otherwise indicated in these instructions.

II. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
A. Definitions:

Types of Awards:
- Kirschstein-NRSA. Awards that provide predoctoral, postdoctoral, and postdoctoral research training support under the authority of Section 487 of the PHS Act (42 USC 288). All Kirschstein-NRSA trainees must meet specific citizenship requirements—see Item 8.
- Non-NRSA Research Training. Awards that provide predoctoral and postdoctoral research training support through non-NRSA funding authorities. These training programs generally do not have the same provisions and requirements as Kirschstein-NRSA awards (e.g., specific citizenship requirements).
- Career Development. Awards that provide doctoral-level investigators an opportunity to enhance their research careers. Individuals appointed to institutional career development awards must meet specific citizenship requirements—for details, see Item 8.
- Research Education. Awards that provide support for programs intended to attract investigators to a specific field of study. Individuals appointed to research education award

Figure 125: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) Instructions
programs may or may not be subject to specific citizenship requirements—for details, see Item 8.

**Types of Appointments**

- **Trainee.** A person appointed to and supported by an institutional Kirschstein-NRSA or non-NRSA research training award.
- **Scholar.** A person appointed to and supported by an institutional career development award.
- **Participant.** A person appointed to and supported by a research education award.

**B. Application**

A “Statement of Appointment” form covers the support of an individual for a particular budget period and is required for each new appointment, reappointment, or amended appointment of an individual receiving stipend, tuition costs, or travel expenses as a trainee under a Kirschstein-NRSA or other applicable PHS institutional training grant. This form may also be used to document the salary and other support provided to an individual as a scholar or participant under a career development or research education program award in which the institution selects and appoints the individual. The form (which is signed by both the individual and the Program Director) must be completed and submitted to PHS at the time the individual starts the appointment or reappointment, or, in the case of an amendment, as soon as the change occurs. If there are multiple Program Directors on the award, the contact PD should sign.

For new postdoctoral trainees appointed to Kirschstein-NRSA institutional grants, a signed and dated payback agreement must be submitted with this appointment form before a stipend or other allowance may be paid.

**C. Submission**

The original should be sent to the awarding component. A copy should also be given to the trainee, scholar, or participant, the Program Director, and Business Official.

**III. ITEM-BY-ITEM INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Item 1. PHS Grant Number.** Insert the entire PHS Grant Number as shown on the particular Notice of Grant Award from which funds are provided, e.g., 5 T32 GM12453-03 would be listed as Type: 5; Activity Code: T32; ID Serial Number: GM12453-03.

- **Item 2. Trainee/Scholar/Participant Name.** Include maiden name or other names in parentheses where applicable.

- **Item 3. Sex.** Self-explanatory.

- **Item 4. Type of Action.**

  - **New Appointment:** When an individual has not been previously supported by this training grant.
  
  - **Reappointment:** When an individual was supported by this grant during a previous budget period, the appointment covered by this form is designated a reappointment. Skip the shaded items if the information provided will be the same as that reported during the prior budget period. Always complete the non-shaded items.
  
  - **Amendment:** “Amendment” pertains only to a change of Item 2 (Name); 9 (Permanent Mailing Address); 15 (Appointment Period); or 20 (Support from this Grant) during a period of appointment for which a “Statement of Appointment” form has already been submitted. Amendments must be submitted as soon as the change occurs. Complete only items 1, 2, 4, 6, 22, 23, and the item(s) to be amended.

**Figure 126: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) Instructions - continued**
Item 5. Prior NRSA Support. Individuals being appointed to a Kirschstein-NRSA institutional grant for the first time or being reappointed after a break in support must indicate if they have received prior Kirschstein-NRSA support from either an individual award or institutional grant. If yes, specify on the form the dates of support, the level (pre- or post-), the mechanism (individual award or institutional grant), and the grant number, if known. (See the Program Guidelines for limitations on total period of support.)

Item 6. Social Security Number. Trainees/scholars/participants are asked to voluntarily provide the last four digits of their Social Security Numbers. This information provides the agency with vital information necessary for accurate identification and review of appointments and for management of PHS grant programs. See the Privacy Act Statement at the end of these instructions for further information concerning this request.


Item 8. Citizenship. Check the box corresponding to the trainee’s, scholar’s, or participant’s citizenship and visa status. If not a U.S. citizen, list the country of citizenship.

A noncitizen national is an individual who, although not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States. Individuals in this category are generally born in lands which are not States, but which are under U.S. sovereignty, jurisdiction, or administration (e.g., American Samoa).

Kirschstein-NRSA trainees and institutional career development scholars must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents of the United States. Individuals on temporary or student visas are not eligible. Trainees or scholars in these programs who are permanent residents of the U.S. must submit a notary’s signed statement with this appointment form certifying that they have (1) a Permanent Resident Card (USCIS Form I-551), or (2) other legal verification of such status.

Trainees in non-NRSA research training programs and participants in research education award programs should consult the applicable Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for citizenship requirements.

Item 9. Permanent Mailing Address. Give an address where the appointed individual can be reached by mail after completion of the program. (Do not give present address unless it is considered permanent as defined above.)

Items 10-13. Race/Ethnicity/Disability/Disadvantaged Background. Responses to these items will help provide statistical information on the participation of individuals from diverse groups in Public Health Service (PHS) programs and identify inequities in terms of recruitment and retention based on race, ethnicity, disability and/or disadvantaged background.

Trainees, scholars, and participants are strongly encouraged to provide this information, however declining to do so will in no way affect their appointments.

This information will be retained by the PHS in accordance with and protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. Racial/ethnic/disability/background data are confidential and all analyses utilizing the data will report aggregate statistical findings only and will not identify individuals. (See the Privacy Act Statement at the end of these instructions for more information.)

10. Are you Hispanic (or Latino)?

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, “Spanish origin,” can be used in addition to “Hispanic or Latino”.

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Figure 127: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) - continued
11. What is your racial background?
Check one or more.

**American Indian or Alaska Native.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, or South America and maintains tribal affiliation or community.

**Asian.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American.** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as “Haitian” or “Negro” can be used in addition to “Black or African American.”

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White.** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

12. Do you have a disability?

Disability: A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

13. Are you from a disadvantaged background?

Disadvantaged Background: An individual is considered to be from a disadvantaged background if he or she:

1. Comes from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds, published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census; adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index; and adjusted by the Secretary for use in all health professions programs. The Secretary periodically publishes these income levels at [http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml](http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml). Individuals falling in this category must have qualified for Federal disadvantaged assistance or have received Health Professional Student Loans (HPSL), Loans for Disadvantaged Student Program, or scholarships from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Scholarship for Individuals with Exceptional Financial Need.

2. Comes from a social, cultural, or educational environment, such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments, that has demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career. This category is most applicable to high school and perhaps undergraduate students, but more difficult to justify for individuals beyond that level of achievement.

**Item 14. Field of Training (FOT).** Provide a single numeric FOT code from the list below that best fits the research training that will be provided during the appointment. Use the subcode (nonbold lowercase) unless the broader category (bold uppercase) fits best.

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*Figure 128: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) - continued*
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| 2460 | Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases |
| 2470 | Virology |

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| 2820 | Cellular Neuroscience |
| 2830 | Cognitive neuroscience |
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| 2920 | Systems/Integrative Neuroscience |

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| 3210 | Molecular Pharmacology |
| 3220 | Pharmacodynamics |
| 3230 | Pharmacogenetics |
| 3240 | Toxicology |

| 3300 | PHYSIOLOGY |
| 3310 | Aging |
| 3320 | Anesthesiology (basic science) |
| 3330 | Endocrinology (basic science) |
| 3340 | Exercise Physiology (basic science) |
| 3350 | Integrative Biology |
| 3360 | Molecular Medicine |
| 3370 | Physiological Optics |
| 3390 | Reproductive Physiology |

| 3500 | PLANT BIOLOGY |
| 3600 | PSYCHOLOGY, NON-CLINICAL |
| 3610 | Behavioral Communication Sciences |
| 3620 | Behavioral Medicine (non-clinical) |
| 3630 | Cognitive Psychology |
| 3640 | Developmental and Child Psychology |
| 3650 | Experimental & General Psychology |
| 3660 | Mind-Body Studies |
| 3670 | Neuropsychology |
| 3680 | Personality and Emotion |
| 3710 | Physiological Psychology & Psychobiology |
| 3720 | Psychology of Aging |
| 3730 | Psychometrics |
| 3740 | Psychophysiology |
| 3750 | Social Psychology |

| 3900 | PUBLIC HEALTH |
| 3910 | Disease Prevention and Control |
| 3920 | Epidemiology |
| 3930 | Health Economics |

| 3940 | Health Education |
| 3950 | Health Policy Research |
| 3960 | Health Services Research |
| 3970 | Occupational and Environmental Health |

| 4100 | RADIATION, NON-CLINICAL |
| 4110 | Nuclear Chemistry |
| 4120 | Radiation Physics |
| 4130 | Radiobiology |

| 4200 | SOCIAL SCIENCES |
| 4210 | Anthropology |
| 4220 | Bioethics |
| 4230 | Demography & Population Medicine |
| 4240 | Economics |
| 4250 | Education |
| 4260 | Language and Linguistics |
| 4270 | Sociology |

| 4400 | STATISTICS AND/OR RESEARCH METHODS AND/OR INFORMATICS |
| 4410 | Biostatistics and/or Biometry |
| 4420 | Bioinformatics |
| 4430 | Computational Science |
| 4440 | Information Science |
| 4450 | Clinical Trials Methodology |

| 4600 | TRAUMA, NON CLINICAL |
| 5000 | OTHER, Predominantly Non-Clinical or Lab-Based Research Training |

| 6000 | II. Predominantly Clinical Research Training (can include any degree) |

| 6100 | ALLIED HEALTH |
| 6110 | Audiology |
| 6120 | Community Psychology |
| 6130 | Exercise Physiology (clinical) |
| 6140 | Medical Genetics |
| 6150 | Occupational Health |
| 6160 | Palliative Care |
| 6170 | Physical Therapy |
| 6180 | Pharmacy |
| 6190 | Social Work |
| 6210 | Speech-language Pathology |
| 6211 | Rehabilitation |

| 6400 | DENTISTRY |
| 6500 | CLINICAL DISCIPLINES |
| 6510 | Allergy |
| 6520 | Anesthesiology |
| 6530 | Behavioral Medicine (clinical) |
| 6540 | Cardiovascular Diseases |
| 6550 | Clinical Laboratory Medicine |
| 6560 | Clinical Nutrition |
| 6570 | Clinical Pharmacology |
| 6580 | Complementary and Alternative Medicine |
| 6590 | Clinical Psychology |
| 6610 | Connective Tissue Diseases |
| 6620 | Dermatology |
| 6630 | Diabetes |
| 6640 | Gastroenterology |
| 6650 | Endocrinology |
| 6650 | Immunology |

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Figure 129: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) - continued
Item 15. Period of this Appointment. The period shown in most cases will be 12 months. Appointment periods may exceed 12 months in rare cases and only with prior approval from the PHS. The amount of the stipend/salary and tuition for each full period of appointment must be obligated from funds available at the time the appointment begins, unless other arrangements have been made with PHS.

Other instructions should be requested where institutional accounting practice precludes obligations of stipend/salary and tuition in the amount required for the full appointment period.

Item 16. Education. List undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and the month and year earned.

Item 17. Specialty Boards. If applicable, select a specialty from the attached list. If not applicable, indicate N/A.

Items 18-19. Degrees Sought. Provide the degree sought under the award. Indicate whether the appointee is in a dual degree program (e.g., M.D./Ph.D.).

Include the date that all degree requirements are expected to be completed.

Item 20. Support for Period of Appointment. Indicate the total amount the appointee expects to receive from the grant during the appointment period. For trainees, provide stipend amount, tuition/fees, and travel. For career development scholars and research education award participants, report only the salary or subsistence allowance to be received from the grant, on the line for stipend/salary/other compensation.

Item 21. Statement of Nondelinquency on U.S. Federal Debt. A "Statement of Nondelinquency on Federal Debt" is required for each particular appointment period and is to be completed by each individual (trainee) appointed to receive financial support under a PHS institutional training grant.

If the prospective trainee is delinquent on Federal debt, the PHS must review the explanation required to be provided on, or attached to, the form. In such case the PHS shall (a) take such information into account when determining whether the prospective trainee is responsible with respect to that appointment, and (b) consider not approving the appointment until payment is made or satisfactory arrangements are made with the agency to whom the debt is owed.

Therefore, it may be necessary for the PHS to contact the prospective trainee before the appointment can be approved to confirm the status of the debt and ascertain the payment arrangements for its liquidation. Individuals failing to liquidate indebtedness to the Federal Government in a businesslike manner place themselves at risk of not receiving PHS financial assistance.

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Figure 130: Statement of Appointment (Form PHS 2271) - continued
The PHS awarding component shall notify the sponsoring institution in writing of its decision regarding the approval of a prospective appointee where this form discloses delinquency on Federal debt.

The trainee must check the appropriate box. If the “Yes” box is checked, please provide an explanation in the space provided. The question applies only to the person requesting financial assistance, and does not apply to the person who signs the form as the Program Director.

Examples of Federal Debt include delinquent taxes, audit disallowances, guaranteed or direct student loans, FHA loans, business loans, and other miscellaneous administrative debts. For purposes of this certification, the following definitions of “delinquency” apply:

- For direct loans and fellowships (whether awarded directly to the applicant by the Federal Government or by an institution using Federal funds), a debt more than 31 days past due on a scheduled financial payment. (This definition excludes service payback under a National Research Service Award.)

- For guaranteed and insured loans, recipients of a loan guaranteed by the Federal Government that the Federal Government has repurchased from a lender because the borrower breached the loan agreement and is in default.

- For grants, organizations in receipt of a “Notice of Grants Cost Disallowance” which have not repaid the disallowed amount or which have not resolved the disallowance. (This definition excludes disallowance in an “appeal” status.)

**Item 22. Certification and Signature of Appointee.** Self-explanatory.

**Item 23. Certification, Signature, and Address of Program Director.** Self-explanatory.
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**Figure 133: Statement of Appointment Form 2271 – Page Two**
Privacy Act Statement

The PHS maintains application and grant records as part of a system of records as defined by the Privacy Act: 09-25-0112, Grants and Cooperative Agreements; Research, Research Training, Fellowship, and Construction Applications and Related Awards. The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 522a) allows disclosures for “routine uses” and permissible disclosures.

Some routine uses may be:
1. To the cognizant audit agency for auditing.
2. To a Congressional office from a record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
3. To qualified experts, not within the definition of DHHS employees as prescribed in DHHS regulations (45 CFR 5b.2) for opinions as part of the application review process.
4. To a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the letting of a contract or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency’s decision on the matter;
5. To organizations in the private sector with whom PHS has contracted for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating, or otherwise refining records in a system. Relevant records will be disclosed to such a contractor, who will be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.
6. To the sponsoring organization in connection with the review of an application or performance or administration under the terms and conditions of the award, or in connection with problems that might arise in performance or administration if an award is made.
7. To the Department of Justice, to a court or other tribunal, or to another party before such tribunal, when one of the following is a party to litigation or has any interest in such litigation, and the DHHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the tribunal, or the other party is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party.
   a. the DHHS, or any component thereof;
   b. any DHHS employee in his or her official capacity;
   c. any DHHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or the DHHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or
   d. the United States or any agency thereof; where the DHHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect the DHHS or any of its components.
8. A record may also be disclosed for a research purpose, when the DHHS:
   a. has determined that the use or disclosure does not violate legal or policy limitations under which the record was provided, collected, or obtained;
   b. has determined that the research purpose (1) cannot be reasonably accomplished unless the record is provided in individually identifiable form, and (2) warrants the risk to the privacy of the individual that additional exposure of the record might bring;
   c. has secured a written statement attesting to the recipient’s understanding of; and willingness to abide by, these provisions; and
   d. has required the recipient to:
      (1) establish reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the record;
      (2) destroy the information that identifies the individual at the earliest time at which removal or destruction can be accomplished consistent with the purpose of the research project, unless the recipient has presented adequate justification of a research or health nature for retaining such information; and
      (3) make no further use or disclosure of the record, except (a) in emergency circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual, (b) for use in another research project, under these same conditions, and with written authorization of the DHHS, (c) for disclosure to a properly identified person for the purpose of an audit related to the research project, if information that would enable research subjects to be identified is removed or destroyed at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purpose of the audit, or (d) when required by law.

The Privacy Act also authorizes discretionary disclosures where determined appropriate by the PHS, including to law enforcement agencies, to the Congress acting within its legislative authority, to the Bureau of the Census, to the National Archives, to the General Accounting Office, pursuant to a court order, or as required to be disclosed by the Freedom of Information Act of 1974 (5 USC 552) and the associated DHHS regulations (45 CFR Part 5).

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Figure 134: Statement of Appointment Privacy Act

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## Specialty Boards

If applicable, select a single specialty or subspecialty to complete item 17. If more than one applies, select the one most closely related to the field of career development or research training for this appointment.

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13 Appendix B – Termination Notice (Form 416-7)

Information and Instructions for Completing a Termination Notice

(Completed form should be mailed to the PHS awarding agency Grants Management Office named in the Notice of Award)

This form summarizes the information to be supplied by Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) recipients on termination of their award and for a limited period thereafter. This form may also be used to document the termination of appointments to non-NRSA institutional research training programs (e.g., T15), research education awards (e.g., R25), and institutional career development awards (e.g., K12). For non-NRSA recipients, please refer to specific guidance on documenting the termination of appointments in the Funding Opportunity Announcement, and in the terms and conditions of the Notice of Award.

ALL KIRCHSTEIN–NRSA RECIPIENTS

(1) The attached Termination Notice (PHS 416-7) serves as the official record of your training under a Kirschstein–NRSA. This summary of work accomplished, support period, stipends received, and post-training activity is required of all recipients immediately after termination. After securing proper signatures, forward the completed form to the appropriate awarding office (National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institute or Center or Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)). This form may be filled out online and then printed for submission.

(2) Because the sponsoring Federal agencies are asked periodically to review Kirschstein–NRSA program impact in terms of career choices, you may be contacted after the termination of this award, but no more frequently than once every 2 years, to determine how the training obtained has influenced your career.

KIRCHSTEIN–NRSA POSTDOCTORAL RECIPIENTS WITH A PAYBACK OBLIGATION

(1) As specified in the Payback Agreement you signed at the time of award, biomedical or behavioral health-related research, health-related teaching, and/or health-related activities must begin within 2 years of terminating Kirschstein–NRSA support; otherwise, unless an extension of the 2 year service initiation period or a waiver of the obligation is granted, financial payback becomes due. Further details are given in the Payback Agreement and the National Research Service Awards section of the most recent version of the NIH Grants Policy Statement found at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/policy.htm. If you have any questions, contact the awarding office that supported your training.

(2) To record your payback status and service, you will receive from the sponsoring Federal agency an Annual Payback Activities Certification (APAC) (PHS 6031-1) form one year after your termination date and annually thereafter until your service obligation has been completed.

(3) You are required to keep the Federal funding agency informed of your current address and telephone number until your total payback obligation is satisfied. Report any change to the NRSA Payback Service Center, Office of Extramural Programs, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 206, MSC 7550, Bethesda, MD 20892-7550; (301) 594-1835; (866) 298-9371.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE TERMINATION NOTICE

(Item 1) Where applicable, include in parentheses any maiden name or other name used. This information is helpful in identifying past records and publications.

(Item 2) Provide the complete grant or award number of the budget period supporting your last year of research training, career development or education (e.g., T32 GM 60564-08).

(Item 3) Self-explanatory.

(Item 4) The last four digits of your Social Security Number are requested under authority of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 USC 288). This information provides the sponsoring Federal agency with vital information necessary for accurate identification and review of terminated appointments and fellowships and, where applicable, to establish and maintain an accurate payback record file. Providing this portion of your Social Security Number is voluntary and you will not be deprived of any Federal rights, benefits, or privileges for refusing to disclose it.

(Item 5) Include the degree(s) sought or earned during the period of support and the date all degree(s) requirements were (or will be) completed.

(Item 6) Self-explanatory.

(Item 7) For Kirschstein–NRSA Awards Only – Provide information on your total Kirschstein–NRSA stipend support under the parent fellowship or training grant of which the number in Item 2 is a part. For domestic non-Federal institutions, the “Amount of Stipend” column must reflect the stipend only. Individual fellows sponsored by
(Item 8) Self-explanatory.

(Item 9a) Please mark a single box under each of the three categories that best describes your anticipated postaward position, activity, and the organization with which you will be affiliated.

Items 9b and 9c Provide post-award title, address, and phone number, if known.

(Item 10) For Kirschstein-NRSA Awards Only -- Provide an address where information regarding post-Kirschstein-NRSA training may be sent.

(Item 11) For Kirschstein-NRSA Awards Only -- Provide information on prior support from other Kirschstein-NRSA grants and awards and/or National Health Service Corps (NHSC) scholarships for which you still have a service obligation. If you are currently participating in the NIH Loan Repayment Program, check "LRP." This information will be used to develop a complete service obligation record.

(Item 12) In signing this form, I certify that the statements therein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Willful provision of false information is a criminal offense (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement may, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, subject me to civil penalties under the Program Fraud and Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (45 CFR Part 79). Also, if I have a payback obligation, I understand that payback service must begin within 2 years of terminating my Kirschstein-NRSA support; otherwise, financial payback becomes due, unless an extension of the 2-year service initiation period or a waiver of the obligation is granted. I also understand that if I fail to repay both principal and interest, the Federal Government will take authorized actions to collect the debt.

(Item 13) The sponsor of (for individual fellowship awards) or the contact Program Director (for an institutional award) must sign and date the form certifying that the research training information is correct.

(Item 14) For Kirschstein-NRSA Awards Only -- A business official of domestic non-Federal sponsoring institutions (with the knowledge and authority to verify this information) must certify that the information provided in Items 6 and 7 is correct according to institutional records.

NIH estimates that it will take 30 minutes to complete this form. This includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering needed information, and completing and reviewing the form. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this burden, send comments to: NIH, Project Clearance Office, 6705 Rockledge Drive MSC 7974, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, ATTN: PRA (0925-0002). DO NOT RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THIS ADDRESS.
### Termination Notice Form 416-7

**Figure 139: Termination Notice Form 416-7**

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**10a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER TERMINATION OF THIS KIRCHSTEIN-NRSA SUPPORT**

**11. OTHER PHS SERVICE OBLIGATION SUPPORT**

- [ ] NHSC Scholarship: No of months:
- [ ] Kirschstein-NRSA: No of months:

**12. SIGNATURE OF FELLOW OR APPOINTEE**

**13. Certification of Sponsor or Program Director: That to the best of my knowledge all the above information is correct.**

**14. Business Official’s Verification of Items 6 and 7. (Not applicable to individual fellows at Federal or foreign institutions.)**

**15. For Government use only! The information provided in Items 6 and 7 is in agreement with PHS records.**

**PHS 416-7 (Rev. 9/08)**
Privacy Act Statement

The Public Health Service requests this information pursuant to statutory authority contained in Section 456(a) and 487 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 USC 284(b)(1)(C and 288), and other statutory authorities (42 USC 242(a), 280(b)(4), and 29 USC 670). The information collected will facilitate postaward management and evaluation of PHS programs. Ruth L. Kirshstein National Research Service Awardees agreed to complete and submit this form as part of the Payback Agreement and Activation Notice signed when support started. Information on the period of support and stipend received will be used to verify and establish in the PHS the official record of the Fellow’s or Trainee’s payback obligation to the Federal government. The social security number is requested to provide a reliable identifier that will assist in establishing an accurate and complete record for each individual. It is particularly useful in maintaining effective communication with those individuals who have incurred payback obligations through their participation in the Ruth L. Kirshstein National Research Service Award program. Failure to provide the social security number may seriously diminish PHS’s capability to credit the account of the proper trainee who is fulfilling the payback requirement by either acceptable service and/or monetary repayment. Failure to provide the social security number will not be a basis for withholding benefits.

The PHS maintains applications and grant records as part of a system of records as defined by the Privacy Act: 09-25-0035, “Extramural Awards and Chartered Advisory Committees.” The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) allows disclosures for “routine uses” and permissible disclosures.

Routine uses include:
1. To the cognizant audit agency for auditing.
2. To a Congressional office from a record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
3. To qualified experts, not within the definition of DHHS employees as prescribed in DHHS regulations (45 CFR 5b.2) for opinions as part of the application review process.
4. To a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the letting of a contract or the issuance of a license or by the requesting agency, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency’s decision on the matter.
5. To organizations in the private sector with whom PHS has contracted for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating, or otherwise refining records in a system. Relevant records will be disclosed to such a contractor, who will be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.
6. To the sponsoring organization in connection with the review of an application or performance or administration under the terms and conditions of the award, or in connection with problems that might arise in performance or administration if an award is made.
7. To the Department of Justice, to a court or other tribunal, or to another party before such tribunal, when one of the following is a party to litigation or has any interest in such litigation, and the DHHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the tribunal, or the other party is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party: a. the DHHS, or any component thereof; b. any DHHS employee in his or her official capacity; c. any DHHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or the DHHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; d. the United States or any agency thereof, where the DHHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect the DHHS or any of its components.
8. A record may also be disclosed for a research purpose, when the DHHS:
   a. has determined that the use or disclosure does not violate legal or policy limitations under which the record was provided, collected, or obtained;
   b. has determined that the research purpose (1) cannot be reasonably accomplished unless the record is provided in individually identifiable form, and (2) warrants the risk to privacy of the individual that additional exposure of the record might bring;
   c. has secured a written statement attesting to the recipient’s understanding of, and willingness to abide by, these provisions; and
   d. has required the recipient to:
      (1) Establish reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the record;
      (2) Remove or destroy the information that identifies the individual at the earliest time at which removal or destruction can be accomplished consistent with the purpose of the research project, unless the recipient has presented adequate justification of a research or health nature for retaining such information; and
      (3) Make no further use or disclosure of the record, except (a) in emergency circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual, (b) for use in another research project, under these same conditions, and with written authorization of the DHHS, (c) for disclosure to a properly identified person for the purpose of an audit related to the research project, if information that would enable research subjects to be identified is removed or destroyed at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purpose of the audit, or (d) when required by law.

The Privacy Act also authorizes discretionary disclosures where determined appropriate by the PHS, including to law enforcement agencies, to the Congress acting within its legislative authority, to the Bureau of the Census, to the National Archives, to the General Accounting Office, pursuant to a court order, or as required to be disclosed by the Freedom of Information Act of 1974 (5 USC 552) and the associated DHHS regulations (45 CFR Part 5).

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Figure 140: Privacy Act Statement
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
Payback Agreement

To be completed by Trainees and Fellows before beginning the first 12 months of postdoctoral support
(Completed form should be mailed to the awarding Federal Agency Grants Management Office named in the Notice of Award)

This agreement is an important condition of award. Please read carefully before signing.

Introduction-Section 1602 of the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993, which was signed into law on June 10, 1993, contains provisions which substantially modify the service payback requirements for individuals receiving Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA). These modifications apply to individuals beginning Kirschstein-NRSA-supported appointments or fellowship awards on or after June 10, 1993. Under these requirements:

- Predoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA recipients will not incur a payback obligation;
- Postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA recipients will incur a payback obligation only during the initial 12 months of postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA support;
- Postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA recipients in the 13th or subsequent months of Kirschstein-NRSA support do not incur any additional payback obligation.

Under the new requirements, payback obligations stemming from postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA support may be discharged in the following ways:

- By receiving an equal period of postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA support beginning in the 13th month of such postdoctoral Kirschstein-NRSA support;
- By engaging in an equal period of health-related research, research training, and/or health-related activities that averages at least 20 hours per week based on a full work year;
- By engaging in an equal period of health-related teaching that averages at least 20 hours per week based on a full work year.

Kirschstein–NRSA appointments or individual awards will be governed by the service payback requirements articulated in the National Research Service Award Guidelines. These guidelines can be found in the NRSA portion of the most recent version of the NIH Grants Policy Statement found at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/policy.htm.

For additional questions regarding the Payback Agreement contact:

NRSA Payback Service Center
Phone: (301) 594-1835 or (866) 298-9371
nrsapaybackcenter@mail.nih.gov

I. SERVICE REQUIREMENT

In accepting a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award to support my postdoctoral research training, I understand that my first 12 months of Kirschstein-NRSA support for postdoctoral research training carries with it a payback obligation. I hereby agree to engage in a month of health-related research, health-related research training, or health-related teaching for each month I receive Kirschstein-NRSA support for postdoctoral research training up to and including 12 months. If I receive Kirschstein-NRSA support for postdoctoral research training for more than 12 months, I agree that the 13th month and each subsequent month of Kirschstein-NRSA-supported postdoctoral research training will satisfy a month of my payback obligation incurred in the first 12 months. This service shall be initiated within 2 years after termination of Kirschstein-NRSA support. The research, teaching, and/or health-related activities shall be on a continuous basis and shall average at least 20 hours per week of a full work year. For information regarding deferral of the NRSA obligation due to participation in the NIH Loan Repayment Program see: http://www.lrp.nih.gov.

II. FINANCIAL PAYBACK PROVISIONS

I understand that if I fail to undertake or perform such service in accordance with Section I, the United States will be entitled to recover from me an amount determined in accordance with the following formula:

A = F [(t-s)/t]

Where “A” is the amount the United States is entitled to recover; “F” is the sum of the total amount paid to me under the initial 12 months of my postdoctoral Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award support; “t” is the total number of months in my service obligation; and “s” is the number of months of such obligation served.

Except as provided in Section III below, any amount the United States is entitled to recover from me shall be paid within the 3-year period beginning on the date the United States becomes entitled to recover such amount. The United States becomes entitled to recover such amount 2 years after termination of my Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award support if I do not engage in
acceptable service payback activities in accordance with Section I. If I elect to engage in financial repayment before the end of the 2-year period, the United States becomes entitled to recover such amount on the date of my election. Interest on the amount begins on the date the United States becomes entitled to recover such amount and is at the rate fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates prevailing on that date. I understand that I will be allowed an initial 30-day interest-free period in which to fully pay such amount, and that I may prepay any outstanding balance after that period to avoid additional interest. I further understand that I will be subject to authorized debt collection action(s) (including any accrued interest and late fees) should I fail to comply with the payback provisions of this Section II.

III. CONDITIONS FOR BREAK IN SERVICE, WAIVER, AND CANCELLATION

I hereby understand that the Secretary of Health and Human Services:

A. May extend the period for undertaking service, permit breaks in service, or extend the period for repayment, if it is determined that:
   1. Such an extension or break in service is necessary to complete my clinical training or to participate in a NIH Loan Repayment Program;
   2. Completion would be impossible because of temporary disability; or
   3. Completion would involve a substantial hardship and failure to extend such period would be against equity and good conscience;

B. May waive my obligation, in whole or in part, if it is determined that:
   1. Fulfillment would be impossible because I am permanently and totally disabled; or
   2. Fulfillment would involve a substantial hardship and the enforcement of such obligation would be against equity and good conscience;

C. Will, in the event of my death, cancel any obligation incurred under this payback agreement.

IV. TERMINATION NOTICE – ANNUAL REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT – CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR NAME

I agree to complete and submit a Termination Notice (PHS 416-7) immediately upon completion of Kirschstein-NRSA support. Thereafter, on an annual basis I agree to complete and submit Annual Payback Activities Certification forms sent to me by the awarding Federal Agency concerning post-award activities, and agree to keep the awarding Federal Agency advised of any change of address and/or name until such time as my total obligation is fulfilled.

V. PROGRAM EVALUATION

I understand that I may also be contacted from time to time, but no more frequently than once every 2 years, after the termination of this award to determine how the training obtained has influenced my career. Any information thus obtained would be used only for statistical purposes and would not identify me individually.

VI. CERTIFICATION

By signing the certification block below, I certify that I have read and understood the requirements and provisions of this assurance and that I will abide by them if an award is made.

NIH estimates that it will take 5 minutes to complete this form. This includes time for reviewing the instructions, gathering needed information, and completing and reviewing the form. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. If you have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this burden, send comments to NIH, Project Clearance Office, 6705 Rockledge Drive MSC 7974, Bethesda, MD 20892-7974, ATTN: PRA (0925-0002). DO NOT RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THIS ADDRESS.

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Support received under the awarding Federal agency Award/Grant Number:

Mailing Address: [space for address]

E-mail: [space for email]

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Figure 142: Payback Agreement (Form PHS 6031) – continued
Privacy Act Statement

The Public Health Service requests this information pursuant to statutory authorities contained in Section 405(a) and 487 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 USC 204(b)(1)C and 288), and other statutory authorities (42 USC 240(a), 280(b)(4), and 29 USC 870). The information collected will assist in activating the award and facilitate postaward management and evaluation of PHS programs. Although providing the information is voluntary, an individual may not receive support from the grant until the form is submitted.

The PHS maintains application and grant records as part of a system of records as defined by the Privacy Act: 09-25-0036, “Extramural Awards and Chartered Advisory Committees.” The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) allows disclosures for “routine uses” and permissible disclosures.

Routine uses include:

1. To the cognizant audit agency for auditing.
2. To a Congressional office from a record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual.
3. To qualified experts, not within the definition of DHHS employees as prescribed in DHHS regulations (45 CFR 5b.2) for opinions as part of the application review process.
4. To a Federal agency, in response to its request, in connection with the letting of a contract or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the record is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency’s decision on the matter.
5. To organizations in the private sector with whom PHS has contracted for the purpose of collating, analyzing, aggregating, or otherwise refining records in a system. Relevant records will be disclosed to such a contractor, who will be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records.
6. To the sponsoring organization in connection with the review of an application or performance or administration under the terms and conditions of the award, or in connection with problems that might arise in performance or administration if an award is made.
7. To the Department of Justice, to a court or other tribunal, or to another party before such tribunal, when one of the following is a party to litigation or has any interest in such litigation, and the DHHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the tribunal, or the other party is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party.
   a. the DHHS, or any component thereof;
   b. any DHHS employee in his or her official capacity;
   c. any DHHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or the DHHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee;
   d. the United States or any agency thereof, where the DHHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect the DHHS or any of its components.
8. A record may also be disclosed for a research purpose, when the DHHS:
   a. has determined that the use or disclosure does not violate legal or policy limitations under which the record was provided, collected, or obtained;
   b. has determined that the research purpose (1) cannot be reasonably accomplished unless the record is provided in individually identifiable form, and (2) warrants the risk to privacy of the individual that additional exposure of the record might bring;
   c. has secured a written statement attesting to the recipient’s understanding of, and willingness to abide by, these provisions; and
   d. has required the recipient to:
      (1) establish reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the record;
      (2) remove or destroy the information that identifies the individual at the earliest time at which removal or destruction can be accomplished consistent with the purpose of the research project, unless the recipient has presented adequate justification of a research or health nature for retaining such information; and
      (3) make no further use or disclosure of the record, except (a) in emergency circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual, (b) for use in another research project, under these same conditions, and with written authorization of the DHHS, (c) for disclosure to a properly identified person for the purpose of an audit related to the research project, if information that would enable research subjects to be identified is removed or destroyed at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purpose of the audit, or (d) when required by law.

The Privacy Act also authorizes discretionary disclosures where determined appropriate by the PHS, including to legal enforcement agencies, to the Congress acting within its legislative authority, to the Bureau of the Census, to the National Archives, to the General Accounting Office, pursuant to a court order, or as required to be disclosed by the Freedom of Information Act of 1974 (5 USC 552) and the associated DHHS regulations (45 CFR Part 5).

Figure 143: Privacy Act Statement
## 15 Appendix D – Appointment Errors/Warnings Quick Reference

The table below identifies the circumstances (conditions) when errors or warnings occur, the error or warning message provided as a result, and the role of the individual who sees the message on the screen.

**NOTE:** When the internal user clicks the Validate button, the warnings will appear for that appointment. The errors will not be shown because the appointment cannot be submitted with errors.

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<td></td>
<td>The Trainee Appointment Period specified exceeds 12 months.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>A Trainee Appointment cannot exceed 12 months without prior approval of the awarding agency. Please adjust the Start/End Date of the Appointment or contact the eRA Help Desk for further assistance.</td>
<td>PI</td>
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<td></td>
<td>The Start and End Dates of the New Appointment cannot be within the Start and End Date of the existing Appointment for the Trainee.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>There is another existing Appointment for the Trainee on the Grant # [Insert Grant # and the PI Name of the existing Appointment]. The Start and End Dates of the new Appointment cannot be within the Start and End Date of an existing Appointment for the Trainee.</td>
<td>PI</td>
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<td>The Appointment Start Date is not within the Budget Period year of the Associated Grant.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Trainee Appointment Start Date should occur within the Budget Period year of the associated grant.</td>
<td>PI</td>
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<td>The Appointment Start Date should be less than the Appointment End Date.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Appointment Start Date should be less than the Appointment End Date.</td>
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<td>The Trainee Appointment End Date must be less than or equal to the Project Period End Date.</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>The Trainee Appointment End Date must be less than or equal to the Project Period End Date.</td>
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<td>If the Trainee Race, Gender, or Birth Date is not entered…</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Trainee Race, Gender, and Birth Date must be entered. Where available, Do not wish to provide, can be used. The Trainee must enter this information on the Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>If the Ethnicity and/or Disabilities are not entered…</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Trainee Ethnicity and Disabilities must be entered. Where available, Do not wish to provide, can be used. The Trainee must enter this information on the Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>If the Stipend/Salary amount is not entered or is entered but is zero or less. The R25 activity code can have zero stipend/salary.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Stipend/Salary amount must be entered and be greater than zero.</td>
<td>PI</td>
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<td>The citizenship indicator for Trainee Profile is not</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Trainee’s citizenship must be entered. The Trainee</td>
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<td>The grant does not have the activity code T34, the Stipend Level is not PRE-BAC, and the Trainee does not have at least one degree.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>At least one Trainee degree must be entered. The Trainee must enter this information on the Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.</td>
<td>Trainee/PI**</td>
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<td>The Appointment is for a Post-Doc or a Scholar and the Trainee does not have a PhD, MD or at least one equivalent degree.</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>The Trainee has not entered a PhD, MD, or equivalent degree required for this Post-Doc or Scholar Appointment. The Trainee must enter this information on Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.</td>
<td>Trainee/PI*</td>
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<td>The Appointment is for a Pre-Doc and Trainee does not have Bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree.</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>The Trainee has not entered a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent degree required for this Pre-Doc Appointment. The Trainee must enter this information on the Personal Profile screen in eRA Commons.</td>
<td>Trainee/PI*</td>
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<td>The Pre-Doc is receiving more than five years of NRSA support.</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>The Pre-Doc may not receive greater than five years of NRSA support without a waiver from the awarding agency.</td>
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<td>The Post-Doc is receiving</td>
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<td>receive greater than three years of NRSA support without a waiver from the awarding agency.</td>
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<td>The Trainee profile indicates Federal Debt with no explanation provided.</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Trainee has Federal Debt indicated in the Trainee-Specific section of their Personal Profile. An explanation for the Federal Debt must be provided.</td>
<td>Trainee</td>
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<td>If the Appointment Period (difference between Start and End Dates) is less than nine months and activity code is not T35…</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>No Trainees may be appointed for less than nine months unless the Training grant was designated for short-term training positions or prior approval was granted by the awarding agency.</td>
<td>PI</td>
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<td>If Trainee Profile is missing a SSN…</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>No SSN has been entered in the Trainee Personal Profile. The Trainees are asked to voluntarily provide their SSN information to aide in the processing of the Trainee Appointments by providing the agency with vital information necessary for accurate identification.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>For a new Appointment that has not previously been routed to the Trainee, if the PI tries to submit the 2271 Form to</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>The Save &amp; Submit function failed. The 2271 Form must be routed to the Trainee prior to submission to agency.</td>
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<td>the agency.</td>
<td>NOTE: The Save &amp; Route to Trainee button appears at the bottom of the screen after the PI invites or re-invites the Trainee to register in eRA Commons AND the Trainee follows the e-mailed registration instructions.</td>
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<td>If the grant is a T35 and the number of months between the Appointment Start and End Dates is less than two months…</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>If the grant Activity Type is T35 then the Appointment Period should not be less than two months.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>If the grant is a T35 and the number of months between Appointment Start and End Dates is more than three months…</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>If the grant Activity Type is T35 then the appointment period should not exceed three months.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>The activity code for the grant is T34 and the Trainee has any type of degree.</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>Because the Trainee has a degree, confirm the Trainee's eligibility for the T34 Appointment.</td>
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This warning exists in xTrain only so there is no need for the Edit Checker validation procedure.
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<td>If the Appointment Period (difference between Start and End Dates) is less than eight weeks and the activity code is RL5, RL9, R90 or R25…</td>
<td>Error</td>
<td>For RL5, RL9, R90 and R25 activity codes, xTrain does not accept Appointments if the Appointment Period is less than eight weeks.</td>
<td>Trainee/P-I**</td>
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<td>For RL5, RL9, R90 and R25 activity codes, if the Non-Resident is selected on Trainee Personal Profile…</td>
<td>Warning</td>
<td>Please make sure you are following the FOA instructions regarding citizenship requirements.</td>
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<td>For RL5, RL9, R90 and R25 activity codes and the Field of Research Training (FOT) is not specified…</td>
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<td>The Appointed individuals must be citizens, noncitizen nationals of the United States, or lawfully admitted permanent residents.</td>
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*Table 3: Appointment Errors/Warnings Quick Reference*
## 16 Appendix E – User Role Functions

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Submit to Agency

- For some activity codes only: X
- For foreign and federal fellowships only: X
- For foreign and federal fellowships only: X

| Recall (if not submitted to Agency)          | X     | X         | X        | X                | X  |    | X      |
| Previous reviewer can recall form from current reviewer |

| Validate                                      | X     | X         | X        | X                | X  |    | X      |
| Run validation process to identify form errors/warnings |

Table 4: User Role Functions

**NOTE:** Assistant has been delegated authority by PD/PI