

Transcript – IAR Overview

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Welcome to this video tutorial on the Internet Assisted Review (IAR) Module.

Research grants are considered for funding by NIH and its partner agencies based upon the peer review of applications conducted by scientists.

The Internet Assisted Review system provides reviewers a tool to electronically view grant applications, submit critiques and score the applications they are reviewing, and perform other review related activities

Before reviewing the applications in detail, reviewers need to attend to policy concerns. IAR is the place to sign a confidentiality agreement. This is used to indicate whether they are or are not a federally registered lobbyist. Federally registered lobbyists cannot serve on a review panel and will be locked out of the meetings. Non-lobbyist need to complete the form in order to be granted access to the meeting materials. Also within IAR, reviewers will leave any conflicts at the door, by indicating if they have any Conflicts of Interests with the applications they are reviewing, or the other reviewers.

While in the IAR system, reviewers can access their Personal Profile to take care of the personal information related to the review, such as ensuring a proper email address is on file to receive review related correspondence; or signing up for reviewer reimbursements.

IAR is accessed via eRA Commons, which means reviewers must have a Commons account to use IAR. Note that reviewers cannot access applications in IAR until they are invited to a meeting by the SRO.

If a reviewer already has an account as a PI, he or she will be assigned the IAR role when invited to the meeting.

If the reviewer is new to eRA Commons, the meeting invitation will walk him or her through the process of creating a new account.

If the reviewer has previously served as a reviewer, he or she can use the existing eRA Commons account.

We realize that this is a lot of information to absorb, so we have several resources to help you along the way. Check out For Reviewers: Navigating IAR, a series of short videos that walk you through

various tasks such as submitting critiques or signing conflict of interest certifications. Or, you can refer to any of the topics in our IAR Online Help for Reviewers by clicking the question marks on IAR screens or by directly accessing the online help posted on the eRA website.

We very much appreciate your service as a reviewer. If you still have questions about how to get started with IAR, contact your SRO or the eRA Service Desk. Thank you for watching.