Transcript - New eRA Website

Welcome to the newly reimagined and redesigned eRA website.

You spoke and we listed. After a year-long survey that gathered data from applicants, grantees, and reviewers, we have done away with the old site and rebuilt the eRA web site from the ground up.

Here are some of the new features you will find in the redesign.

The pages are designed for improved accessibility, using a font and color scheme intended to be easy on the eye while following the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. And to help you find what you are looking for faster, pages and dynamic images include a short description of the content that follows. That way, you can quickly determine if you are finding the information you need.

We have also worked hard to provide consistent, convenient, and intuitive navigation. The top navigation bar provides hover-over functionality so you can see at a glance all the underlying information for that subject.

As you delve deeper into a subject, the left navigation pane provides quick access to other topics related to that heading, while showing you where you are in the list of items for that subject.

Remember, the eRA website is an informational website, providing resources and guidance on how to complete tasks within the eRA systems. With that in mind, we have placed large and prominent login buttons in the upper right corner of the browser window for your convenience and a gentle reminder that these pages are informational and not actual system pages.

Within the pages, thumbnail images of the related system screens have been imbedded. When you click on the image, it will expand to full size. This way, when you access that particular part of the system, you will know what screen you are looking for.   By clicking somewhere outside of the image, the full size image will revert back to the thumbnail.

Check out the new Help and Tutorials page. Here you can access our ever growing library of video tutorials. You will also find resource pages for each module, where we have consolidated multiple types of helpful resources, like overviews, online help, user guides, FAQS, training materials, and more.

And in keeping with the idea of making all this great information easily accessible, the new design is responsive to the device you are using. This means the site will reconfigure itself to deliver the content in the best way possible given the size of your screen, whether it be a desktop computer, a laptop, tablet, or smart-phone.

It will be important to note that while the primary landing page for eRA will remain the same, https://era.nih.gov/, the URLs for the subpages will change. We will, for a time, automatically forward

requests for the more visited pages to the corresponding new page. However, we recommend you spend some time exploring the new site, and bookmark your favorite pages using the new URL.

We hope you are as excited by the new design as we are. If you have comments, or suggestions, please drop us a note at eRACommunications@mail.nih.gov.

Thank you for watching.