

# Privacy Impact Assessment Form

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1 OPDIV:	NIH
2 PIA Unique Identifier:	P-1410629-051377
2a Name:	Research and Training Opportunities System
3 The subject of this PIA is which of the following?	<input type="radio"/> General Support System (GSS) <input type="radio"/> Major Application <input type="radio"/> Minor Application (stand-alone) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Minor Application (child) <input type="radio"/> Electronic Information Collection <input type="radio"/> Unknown
3a Identify the Enterprise Performance Lifecycle Phase of the system.	Operations and Maintenance
3b Is this a FISMA-Reportable system?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
4 Does the system include a Website or online application available to and for the use of the general public?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5 Identify the operator.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Agency <input type="radio"/> Contractor
6 Point of Contact (POC):	POC Title <input type="text" value="Program Specialist"/> POC Name <input type="text" value="Steve Alves"/> POC Organization <input type="text" value="NIH/OD/OIR/OITE"/> POC Email <input type="text" value="alvess@mail.nih.gov"/> POC Phone <input type="text" value="301-402-1294"/>
7 Is this a new or existing system?	<input type="radio"/> New <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing
8 Does the system have Security Authorization (SA)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
8a Date of Security Authorization	10/1/2017 12:00:00 AM

9 Indicate the following reason(s) for updating this PIA. Choose from the following options.

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10 Describe in further detail any changes to the system that have occurred since the last PIA.

The RTO database system has changed in operations since the 2013 submission in the following manner:

Sharing information with institutions that have critical roles in the admission process.

Tighten access to information contained within the RTO database.

Elimination of fields related to information not used for admission.

Addition of fields to tighten eligibility requirements of applicants.

11 Describe the purpose of the system.

The Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE) administers programs and initiatives to recruit and develop individuals who participate in research training activities on the NIH's main campus in Bethesda, Maryland, as well as other NIH facilities around the country. To facilitate its recruitment function, the OITE maintains the NIH Research and Training Opportunities (RTO) system, <https://www2.training.nih.gov>, which includes applications and related forms for intramural research training programs, including the Summer Internship Program (SIP), the Postbaccalaureate Training Program (PBT), the Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP), and the Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP). The application system includes a back-end database that functions as a centralized repository of information regarding program applicants.

The RTO system also includes the Fellows Award for Research Excellence (FARE) application, which is unique in that it is aimed, not at prospective trainees, but at current NIH trainees who wish to participate in the annual FARE travel award competition. FARE is designed to foster and reward scientific excellence in the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP).

<p>12 Describe the type of information the system will collect, maintain (store), or share. (Subsequent questions will identify if this information is PII and ask about the specific data elements.)</p>	<p>The Research Training Opportunities (RTO) system collects information, including Personally Identifiable Information (PII), necessary (1) to evaluate the qualifications of individuals who seek intramural research training opportunities at the NIH, and (2) to contact these individuals to discuss possible training opportunities.</p> <p>The RTO application system collects the following types of information: Applicant's name, email address, permanent and current address, telephone numbers, citizenship status, relative at NIH (Y/N), relative's name and Institute-Center, academic information (institutional affiliations, coursework and grades, enrollment status, grade point average, academic major, degrees earned, dates of attendance), publications, resume/curriculum vitae, cover letter/personal statement, scientific research interests, contact information for up to 3 references, letters of recommendation and evaluation ratings (submitted online by the references), eligibility information, admission preferences, standardized examination scores, reference information, mentor contact information, dissertation research description, and password.</p> <p>The Fellows Award for Research Excellence (FARE) application collects contact information for the applicant and his/her mentor, fellowship information, an abstract of the applicant's current NIH research, and optional gender information. Abstracts sometimes contain sensitive information, including unpublished data, or novel experimental approaches.</p> <p>Applicants gain access to their own record by using their email address and a password combination.</p>	
<p>13 Provide an overview of the system and describe the information it will collect, maintain (store), or share, either permanently or temporarily.</p>	<p>Research Training Opportunities (RTO) includes the online applications for the Summer Internship Program (SIP), the Posthacalaureate IRTA (Intramural Research Training Award)</p>	
<p>14 Does the system collect, maintain, use or share PII?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	

<p>15 Indicate the type of PII that the system will collect or maintain.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Numbers</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Notes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account Info</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Certificates</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Documents</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Records</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Device Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Military Status</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Activities</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>y/n - age 18 by June 15 of the current year</p> <p>y/n - age 17 by June 15 of current year</p> <p>optional gender information (FARE)</p> <p>Password</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identifiers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account Info	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Device Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID	
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<p>18 For what primary purpose is the PII used?</p>	<input type="text" value="The primary use of this information is to evaluate applicants' qualifications for research training at the NIH, including periodic updates to their record status."/>																								
<p>19 Describe the secondary uses for which the PII will be used (e.g. testing, training or research)</p>	<input type="text" value="OITE sometimes uses the email addresses provided by applicants to send them notices regarding training opportunities of potential interest to them."/> <p>Other secondary uses for system PII include:</p> <p>(a) Preparing appointment paperwork;</p> <p>(b) Investigating possible cases of inappropriate use of the system (e.g., violations of the NIH nepotism policy);</p> <p>(c) Verifying the identity of users who contact us offline (e.g., by telephone) to report technical problems involving the system;</p> <p>(d) Administering the annual FARE competition.</p>																								
<p>20 Describe the function of the SSN.</p>	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>																								

20a Cite the **legal authority** to use the SSN. n/a

21 Identify **legal authorities** governing information use and disclosure specific to the system and program. The legal authority granted to NIH to train future biomedical scientists comes from several sources. Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Sections 241 and 282(b)(13) authorize the Director, NIH, to conduct and support research training for which fellowship support is not provided under Part 487 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (i.e., National Research Service Awards), and that is not residency training of physicians or other health professionals. Sections 405(b)(1)(C) of the PHS Act and 42 U.S.C. Sections 284(b)(1)(C) and 285-287 grant this same authority to the Director of each of the Institutes/Centers at NIH.

22 Are records on the system retrieved by one or more PII data elements?  Yes  No

22a Identify the number and title of the Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) that is being used to cover the system or identify if a SORN is being developed. Published: OPM/GOVT-1 - General Personnel Records OPM/GOVT-5 - Recruiting, Examining, and Placement Records Published: 09-25-0014 - Clinical Research: Student Records 09-25-0108 - Personnel: Guest Researchers, Special Volunteers, and Scientists Emeriti Published: 09-25-0158 - Administration Records of Applicants and Awardees of the Intramural Research Training Awards Program  In Progress

23 Identify the sources of PII in the system. Directly from an individual about whom the information pertains  In-Person  Hard Copy: Mail/Fax  Email  Online  Other Government Sources  Within the OPDIV  Other HHS OPDIV  State/Local/Tribal  Foreign  Other Federal Entities  Other Non-Government Sources  Members of the Public  Commercial Data Broker  Public Media/Internet  Private Sector  Other

23a Identify the OMB information collection approval number and expiration date. 0925-0299, expiration 6/30/2019

24 Is the PII shared with other organizations?

Yes

No

Within HHS

PII may be shared with NIH Investigators and administrators for admissions and appointment paperwork. Records may also be disclosed to student volunteers, individuals working under a personal services contract, and other individuals performing functions for HHS who do not technically have the status of agency employees, if they need the records in the performance of their agency functions.

Other Federal Agency/Agencies

Disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice or to a court or other tribunal when (a) HHS, or any component thereof; or (b) any HHS employee in his or her official capacity; or (c) any HHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or HHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States or any agency thereof where HHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect HHS or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and HHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, court or other tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party, provided, however, that in each case HHS determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

State or Local Agency/Agencies

Disclosure may be made to a Federal, State or local agency maintaining civil, criminal or other pertinent records, such as current licenses, if necessary to obtain a record relevant to an agency decision concerning the selection or retention of a fellow.

Private Sector

Disclosure may be made to institutions providing financial support.

24a Identify with whom the PII is shared or disclosed and for what purpose.

24b Describe any agreements in place that authorizes the information sharing or disclosure (e.g. Computer Matching Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)).

Each GPP institutional and Individual Partnership has its own Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NIH and the university partner. The MOUs vary in content, training duration, and financial support arrangements. MOUs are finalized by the NIH OITE and managed by key NIH personnel.

<p>24c Describe the procedures for accounting for disclosures</p>	<p>The OITE confers with the key NIH administrators when information about a trainee/fellow needs to be shared outside the agency.</p> <p>Disclosures from RTO are unlikely to be made; however, if Privacy Act records are disclosed, the disclosing office will maintain an accounting, and the disclosures will be made in accordance with the applicable SORN.</p> <p>The procedures by which GPP administrators share information with university partners and account for these disclosures vary from program to program.</p>	
<p>25 Describe the process in place to notify individuals that their personal information will be collected. If no prior notice is given, explain the reason.</p>	<p>Each collection form used by the OITE has a Privacy Act statement directly posted or a link to either or both of the URL addresses: <a href="https://www2.training.nih.gov/apps/messages/programs/formsV2/privacy.aspx">https://www2.training.nih.gov/apps/messages/programs/formsV2/privacy.aspx</a> <a href="https://www.training.nih.gov/privacy">https://www.training.nih.gov/privacy</a></p> <p>Inclusion of the text and/or links ensures those completing the form are well informed prior to entering data voluntarily.</p>	
<p>26 Is the submission of PII by individuals voluntary or mandatory?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Voluntary <input type="radio"/> Mandatory</p>	
<p>27 Describe the method for individuals to opt-out of the collection or use of their PII. If there is no option to object to the information collection, provide a reason.</p>	<p>There is no way for prospective applicants to opt out of the collection or use of their PII. The applications and other forms collect information (including PII) that is needed to evaluate the qualifications of the individual seeking intramural research training opportunities at the NIH.</p>	
<p>28 Describe the process to notify and obtain consent from the individuals whose PII is in the system when major changes occur to the system (e.g., disclosure and/or data uses have changed since the notice at the time of original collection). Alternatively, describe why they cannot be notified or have their consent obtained.</p>	<p>The OITE will confer with NIH administrators and general counsel prior to making changes in how PII is used. If there is a modification from the original intent, then a mail-merge message to each affected individual will be sent from the OITE's email address.</p>	

<p>29 Describe the process in place to resolve an individual's concerns when they believe their PII has been inappropriately obtained, used, or disclosed, or that the PII is inaccurate. If no process exists, explain why not.</p>	<p>The RTO system relies extensively on system-generated email messages, and applicants and references can contact OITE by replying to these messages. Also, there is a link to OITE's "Contact Us" page, <a href="https://www.training.nih.gov/contact">https://www.training.nih.gov/contact</a>, in the page footer of every RTO form. Individuals who have concerns about their PII can use the information on this page to notify us.</p> <p>The OITE will confer with key offices, including but not limited to NIH administrators, legal counsel, and ethics office, to ensure the concerns of the individual are addressed in a timely manner.</p> <p>The RTO system also includes a transaction auditing module to track record changes and system activity. This module can be used by RTO administrators to investigate/confirm inappropriate or suspicious activity.</p> <p>RTO system administrators have tools enabling them to modify system data (e.g., login credentials) when a breach is suspected and to disable/lock individual RTO users' accounts in cases where it is determined that the user has accessed, used, or disclosed applicant data inappropriately. In such cases, OITE disables and locks the account immediately and notifies the user, as well as his/her Information Systems Security Officer (ISS) or Scientific Director (SD), who determines the appropriate next steps.</p> <p>All system users have access to tools to manage their passwords if they suspect that someone has accessed their data through this system.</p>	
<p>30 Describe the process in place for periodic reviews of PII contained in the system to ensure the data's integrity, availability, accuracy and relevancy. If no processes are in place, explain why not.</p>	<p>RTO data are managed in accordance with the Federal record retention and disposal guidelines. Typically, an application remains in the system for one year, after which time it is archived. Archiving procedures vary from program to program; for some, archiving occurs once monthly, while for others, archiving is handled manually by system administrators. Archived applications cannot be accessed by internal RTO users, except for system developers and authorized OITE staff. Archived applications are generally retained for two years after being archived (i.e., for three years total).</p> <p>System developers monitor the database and online application processes as a routine matter to ensure the data's integrity and availability.</p>	



<p>31 Identify who will have access to the PII in the system and the reason why they require access.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Users	<p>NIH investigators, administrators, and other NIH personnel who are involved in the recruitment and selection of NIH</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrators	<p>OITE personnel that have view/edit access to RTO accounts, applications, reports, and administrative tools.</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developers	<p>System developers monitor the database and online application processes as a routine matter to ensure</p>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractors	<p>Direct contractors and NIH IT staff who are responsible for managing/maintaining all aspects of the</p>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<p>32 Describe the procedures in place to determine which system users (administrators, developers, contractors, etc.) may access PII.</p>	<p>The RTO system uses a role-based approach to control access to the PII contained within the program databases.</p>	
<p>33 Describe the methods in place to allow those with access to PII to only access the minimum amount of information necessary to perform their job.</p>	<p>The only RTO users who can create new RTO accounts are Program Coordinators and SuperAdmins. Decisions regarding who at an IC may have access to RTO are (within limits established by OITE) left up to the Program Coordinator(s) at that IC. Occasionally OITE will create the account after verifying from someone appropriately placed at the IC that the individual requesting access has a legitimate business need to access system data.</p> <p>Program Coordinators can create view-only "Investigator" accounts; SuperAdmins can create any kind of account. As a rule, OITE will give a user elevated access within the system only when the user needs that access to do his/her job.</p> <p>By default, an Investigator account gives one read-only access to the SIP and Postbac IRTA application pools. In cases where it is known that a user does not require access to both subsystems, a SuperAdmin can remove the user's access to one, or even both, subsystems. A SuperAdmin might remove a user's access to both subsystems if the user has agreed to serve as a mentor to an incoming summer intern and does not require access to the entire SIP applicant database. Authorized users can share individual applications with another authorized user. In these cases, the user's access to the shared applications expires after 60 days.</p>	
<p>34 Identify training and awareness provided to personnel (system owners, managers, operators, contractors and/or program managers) using the system to make them aware of their responsibilities for protecting the information being collected and maintained.</p>	<p>The NIH Security Awareness Training course is used to satisfy this requirement. According to NIH policy, all personnel who use NIH applications must attend security awareness training every year. There are four categories of mandatory IT training (Information Security, Counterintelligence, Privacy Awareness, and Records Management). Training is completed on the <a href="http://irtsectraining.nih.gov">http://irtsectraining.nih.gov</a> site with valid NIH credentials.</p>	

35 Describe training system users receive (above and beyond general security and privacy awareness training).	Each RTO user has access to a role-specific RTO User's Guide. While the guides are primarily focused on how to use the system tools, some touch on such RTO policies as who may access the system, etc.
36 Do contracts include Federal Acquisition Regulation and other appropriate clauses ensuring adherence to privacy provisions and practices?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
37 Describe the process and guidelines in place with regard to the retention and destruction of PII. Cite specific records retention schedules.	Records are maintained within RTO for a time of no less than two years archived based on the NIH Manual Chapter 1743 Appendix-1 – NIH General Records Schedule items:  2.1.051 – Job Vacancy Case Files – Destroy 2 years after termination of register – DAA-GRS-2014-0002-0007  2.1.090 – Interview Records – Destroy 2 years after case is closed by hire or non-selection, expiration of right to appeal a non-selection, or final settlement of any associated litigation, whichever is later. – DAA-GRS-2014-0002-0008
38 Describe, briefly but with specificity, how the PII will be secured in the system using administrative, technical, and physical controls.	Administrative Controls: RTO applies role-based security to ensure access is restricted to the appropriate user groups. All system users are required to accept the RTO Terms of Use every time they sign in. The Terms of Use page notes that the system contains information that is subject to the Privacy Act; describes the user's responsibilities regarding the safeguarding of system data; and states that unauthorized access or use of this system may subject violators to criminal, civil, and/or administrative action. At any time, Program Coordinators can disable accounts of individuals at their respective ICs who leave the NIH or transfer to another IC. In addition, RTO administrators conduct a comprehensive review of all system accounts once annually, disabling/locking those belonging to individuals who are no longer at the NIH and purging all dormant accounts. Also, RTO administrators conduct periodic and ongoing monitoring of system audits and system email traffic to identify cases of inappropriate access to or use of the system.  Technical Controls: Access to the system is controlled by NIH Login, which authenticates the user prior to granting access. Access level and permissions are controlled by the system and based on user, role, and organizational unit.  Physical Controls: The servers reside in the Office of Information Technology (OIT) hosting facility, where policies and procedures are in place to restrict access to the machines. This includes guards at the front door and entrance to the machine room.

39 Identify the publicly-available URL:

Summer Internship Program (series of subprograms) - <https://www2.training.nih.gov/transfer/SIPApp>

Undergraduate Scholarship Program - <https://www2.training.nih.gov/transfer/UGSPApp>

Postbaccalaureate IRTA Training Program - <https://www2.training.nih.gov/transfer/PBTApp>

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40 Does the website have a posted privacy notice?  Yes  No

40a Is the privacy policy available in a machine-readable format?  Yes  No

41 Does the website use web measurement and customization technology?  Yes  No

41a Select the type of website measurement and customization technologies is in use and if it is used to collect PII. (Select all that apply)

Technologies	Collects PII?
<input type="checkbox"/> Web beacons	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Web bugs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Session Cookies	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Cookies	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Other... <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

42 Does the website have any information or pages directed at children under the age of thirteen?  Yes  No

43 Does the website contain links to non- federal government websites external to HHS?  Yes  No

43a Is a disclaimer notice provided to users that follow external links to websites not owned or operated by HHS?  Yes  No

General Comments

The RTO is a child component that resides under another boundary, ODGSS, inherits its UUID. This component is under the Office of the Director General Support System (OD GSS), whose Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) is: 2092B382-A4F2-4FD5-A93E-1857E18B771E.

OPDIV Senior Official  
for Privacy Signature

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Yes  
 No

15 Indicate the type of PII that the system will collect or maintain.

<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Identifiers
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Identifiers
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identifiers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phone Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account Info
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Documents
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Device Identifiers
<input type="checkbox"/> Military Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment Status
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID	

Name and grade level of NIH staff member's child wishing to attend a Take Your Child to Work Day event

Parent/guardian name of HiSTEP participants for orientation.

User Credentials

16	<p>Indicate the categories of individuals about whom PII is collected, maintained or shared.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employees  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Citizens  <input type="checkbox"/> Business Partners/Contacts (Federal, state, local agencies)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendors/Suppliers/Contractors  <input type="checkbox"/> Patients</p> <p>Other <input type="text" value="NIH trainees; NIH fellows"/></p>
17	<p>How many individuals' PII is in the system?</p> <input type="text" value="50,000-99,999"/>
18	<p>For what primary purpose is the PII used?</p> <input type="text" value="To administer OITE events and services, limiting access to restricted resources (e.g., NIH-only events, appointments with OITE career counselors, etc.), as appropriate."/>
19	<p>Describe the secondary uses for which the PII will be used (e.g. testing, training or research)</p> <input type="text" value="Track where the NIH-IRP trainees go once they leave the NIH;&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Provide networking opportunities for current trainees, NIH staff, and program alumni;&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Identify individuals who are willing to serve as event speakers or contacts for OITE staff organizing training events;&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Collect applicant data, including letters of recommendation, to supplement information collected via OITE's online application system (RTO);&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Assess the diversity of various user groups (applicants and current trainees);&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;Enhance the experience of program participants (e.g., by creating personalized certificates for children of NIH staff who participate in Take Your Child to Work Day events)."/>
20	<p>Describe the function of the SSN.</p> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
20a	<p>Cite the <b>legal authority</b> to use the SSN.</p> <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
21	<p>Identify <b>legal authorities</b> governing information use and disclosure specific to the system and program.</p> <input type="text" value="The legal authority granted to NIH to train future biomedical scientists comes from several sources. Title 42 of the U.S. Code, Sections 241 and 282(b)(13) authorize the Director, NIH, to conduct and support research training for which fellowship support is not provided under Part 487 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (i.e., National Research Service Awards), and that is not residency training of physicians or other health professionals. Sections 405(b)(1)(C) of the PHS Act and 42 U.S.C. Sections 284(b)(1)(C) and 285-287 grant this same authority to the Director of each of the Institutes/Centers at NIH."/>
22	<p>Are records on the system retrieved by one or more PII data elements?</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes  <input type="radio"/> No</p>

22a

Identify the number and title of the Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) that is being used to cover the system or identify if a SORN is being developed.

Published:

OPM/GOVT-1 - General Personnel Records; OPM/GOVT-5 - Recruiting, Examining, and Placement Records

Published:

09-90-0020 - Suitability for Employment Records, HHS/OS/ASPER; 09-25-0014 - Clinical Research: Student Records, HHS/NIH/OD/OIR/

Published:

09-25-0140 - International Activities: International Scientific Researchers in Intramural Laboratories at the National Institutes of Health,

In Progress

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Identify the sources of PII in the system.

Directly from an individual about whom the information pertains

- In-Person
- Hard Copy: Mail/Fax
- Email
- Online
- Other

Government Sources

- Within the OPDIV
- Other HHS OPDIV
- State/Local/Tribal
- Foreign
- Other Federal Entities
- Other

Non-Government Sources

- Members of the Public
- Commercial Data Broker
- Public Media/Internet
- Private Sector
- Other

23a

Identify the OMB information collection approval number and expiration date.

OMB No. 0925-0740 (Expiration Date: May 2019)  
OMB No. 0925-0648 (Expiration Date: May 2021)  
OMB No. 0925-0299 (Expiration Date: June 2019)

24 Is the PII shared with other organizations?

Yes  
 No



24a Identify with whom the PII is shared or disclosed and for what purpose.

Within HHS

PII may be shared with NIH Investigators and administrators for admissions and appointment paperwork. Records may also be disclosed to student volunteers, individuals working under a personal services contract, and other individuals performing functions for HHS who do not technically have the status of agency employees, if they need the records in the performance of their agency functions.

Other Federal Agency/Agencies

Disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice or to a court or other tribunal when (a) HHS, or any component thereof; or (b) any HHS employee in his or her official capacity; or (c) any HHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or HHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States or any agency thereof where HHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect HHS or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and HHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, court or other tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party, provided, however, that in each case HHS determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

State or Local Agency/Agencies

Disclosure may be made to a Federal, State or local agency maintaining civil, criminal or other pertinent records, such as current licenses, if necessary to obtain a record relevant to an agency decision concerning the selection or retention of a fellow.

Private Sector

Disclosure may be made to institutions providing financial support. Also, responses to the "Amgen Scholars Program at NIH - Supplemental Application" survey are shared with the corporate sponsor that provides financial support for that program.

24b Describe any agreements in place that authorizes the information sharing or disclosure (e.g. Computer Matching Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)).

There is an MOU between Amgen and the Foundation of NIH (FNIH) and the FNIH and NIH authorizing the sharing of information regarding applicants to the Amgen Scholars Program at NIH.

24c Describe the procedures for accounting for disclosures	Disclosures from RTP are unlikely to be made; however, if Privacy Act records are disclosed, the disclosing office will maintain an accounting, and the disclosures will be made in accordance with the applicable SORN. The OITE will confer with the NIH Senior Official for Privacy and other key NIH administrators if RTP system data involving PII need to be disclosed.	
25 Describe the process in place to notify individuals that their personal information will be collected. If no prior notice is given, explain the reason.	<p>The footer of every RTP page includes a link to our Privacy Notice, which says in part:</p> <p>We maintain and dispose of electronically submitted information in accordance with the Federal Records Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 31) and records schedules of the National Archives and Records Administration. Information may be subject to disclosure in certain cases (for example, if authorized by a Privacy Act System of Records Notice).</p> <p>If you apply to one of our training programs and your application becomes part of a record system designed to retrieve PII about you by personal identifier (name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number, etc.), we will safeguard the information you provide to us in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. Section 552a). We prominently display a Privacy Act Notification Statement on any form which asks you to provide personally identifiable information.</p>	
26 Is the submission of PII by individuals voluntary or mandatory?	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Voluntary</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mandatory</p>	
27 Describe the method for individuals to opt-out of the collection or use of their PII. If there is no option to object to the information collection, provide a reason.	Submission of personal information is voluntary; however, in order to access certain information (e.g., the Alumni Database), services (e.g., making an appointment with a career counselor), and admission consideration for certain training programs, users must complete all required fields.	
28 Describe the process to notify and obtain consent from the individuals whose PII is in the system when major changes occur to the system (e.g., disclosure and/or data uses have changed since the notice at the time of original collection). Alternatively, describe why they cannot be notified or have their consent obtained.	At present, there is no process in place to notify and obtain consent from individuals whose PII is in the system when major changes occur to the system (e.g., disclosure and/or data uses have changed since the notice at the time of the original collection). If there were a modification from the original intent, OITE would confer with key offices, including but not limited to the NIH Senior Official for Privacy, to determine the appropriate course of action. If deemed appropriate, OITE would notify each affected individual using the email address on record.	

<p>29 Describe the process in place to resolve an individual's concerns when they believe their PII has been inappropriately obtained, used, or disclosed, or that the PII is inaccurate. If no process exists, explain why not.</p>	<p>The RTP system relies extensively on system-generated email messages, and registered users can in many cases contact OITE by replying to these messages. Also, the page footer of every RTP page includes a link to OITE's "Contact Us" page, <a href="https://www.training.nih.gov/contact">https://www.training.nih.gov/contact</a>. Individuals who have concerns about their PII can use the information on this page to notify us.</p> <p>The OITE will confer with key offices, including but not limited to the NIH Senior Official for Privacy, to ensure the concerns of the individual are addressed in a timely manner.</p> <p>The RTP system also includes a transaction auditing module to track record changes and system activity. This module can be used by RTP administrators to investigate/confirm inappropriate or suspicious activity.</p> <p>RTP system administrators have tools enabling them to monitor system activity when a breach is suspected and to disable/archive individual RTP users' accounts in cases where it is determined that an unauthorized person has accessed, used, or disclosed applicant data.</p> <p>All system users have access to tools to manage their passwords if they suspect that someone has accessed their data through this system.</p>	
<p>30 Describe the process in place for periodic reviews of PII contained in the system to ensure the data's integrity, availability, accuracy and relevancy. If no processes are in place, explain why not.</p>	<p>The contractor who maintains the RTP system, Symplicity Corp., monitors the database and system processes as a routine matter to ensure the data's integrity and availability. Also, OITE system staff informally monitor this in their day-to-day use of the system tools. There is no general process in place to ensure the accuracy and relevancy of the data, as there is no feasible way to do so. That said, the system does have business rules in place that ensure the email address provided by a new user is accurate in the sense of being accessible by that individual. The system sends an account activation link to the email address provided when a new user registers for an account. The user cannot sign in until he/she activates the account.</p>	

31 Identify who will have access to the PII in the system and the reason why they require access.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Users	To modify/update their profile data and change their account preferences.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrators	To (1) generate reports for program evaluation purposes; (2) ensure data integrity/accuracy/etc.; (3) maintain
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developers	To ensure proper functioning of the system and assist OITE with technical issues.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractors	Direct and Non-Direct contractors. To support Administrators and Developers.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others	Registered NIH Trainees, NIH Staff, and Alumni have access to Alumni Database, for career networking

32 Describe the procedures in place to determine which system users (administrators, developers, contractors, etc.) may access PII.	<p>Authorized OITE staff have access to system data via a password-restricted content management system (CMS). The CMS uses a role-based approach to control access to the PII contained within the system. There are ten RTP system staff roles, six of which provide access to PII:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report Creator: Can view/create/edit reports</li> <li>- Survey Builder: Can view/create/edit surveys</li> <li>- Career Services Staff: Can view user account information and view/create/edit appointment information</li> <li>- Event Coordinator: Can view/create/edit event registrants, surveys, and reports</li> <li>- Site Admin: Can view user account information and view event registrants</li> <li>- System Admin: Can view/create/edit/delete all PII in the system, including system staff accounts.</li> </ul> <p>OITE assigns roles to individual staff members based on each individual's job duties.</p> <p>Developers are external contractors who require full access to all system data in order to perform their job duties.</p> <p>Other system users access the system via the public-facing site. Registered users can access view and edit their own account information at any time. The Alumni Database (AD) allows current Trainee-, Staff-, and Alumni-account-holders to view the public profiles of alumni who have explicitly agreed to serve as networking contacts. Alumni can edit their profiles at any time and, if desired, choose to have their profiles excluded from any AD search results.</p>
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33 Describe the methods in place to allow those with access to PII to only access the minimum amount of information necessary to perform their job.	When creating and editing system staff accounts, OITE System Admins assign roles based on each individual's job duties, using the principle of least privilege. The system allows System Admins to assign multiple roles to users when necessary and appropriate, and to remove individual rights in most cases. This gives OITE the ability to control staff members' access to PII in a fine-grained way. OITE occasionally reviews system staff accounts and adds/removes roles and rights, as appropriate.
34 Identify training and awareness provided to personnel (system owners, managers, operators, contractors and/or program managers) using the system to make them aware of their responsibilities for protecting the information being collected and maintained.	The NIH Security Awareness Training course is used to satisfy this requirement. According to NIH policy, all personnel who use NIH applications must attend security awareness training every year. There are four categories of mandatory IT training (Information Security, Counterintelligence, Privacy Awareness, and Records Management). Training is completed on the <a href="http://irtsectraining.nih.gov">http://irtsectraining.nih.gov</a> site with valid NIH credentials
35 Describe training system users receive (above and beyond general security and privacy awareness training).	N/A
36 Do contracts include Federal Acquisition Regulation and other appropriate clauses ensuring adherence to privacy provisions and practices?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
37 Describe the process and guidelines in place with regard to the retention and destruction of PII. Cite specific records retention schedules.	<p>Records are maintained within RTP for a time accordance with NARA record retention schedules:</p> <p>2.1.060 - Job Application Packages Destroy 1 year after date of submission Applications</p> <p>3.2.030 - System Access Records Destroy when business use ceases RTP Accounts - user profiles, login files, password files, audit trails, etc</p> <p>3.2.031 - System Access Records Records are maintained within RTP for a time based on the type or data Destroy 6 years after password is altered or user account is terminated, but longer retention is authorized if required for business use. RTP Accounts - user profiles, login files, password files, audit trails, etc</p> <p>3.2.041 - System Backups and Tape Library Records Destroy when second subsequent backup is verified as successful or when no longer needed for the system restoration, whichever is later. RTP BackUps</p> <p>5.1.030 - Records of Non-Mission Related Internal Agency Committees Destroy when business use ceases Alumni Database, Memberships, MyOITE</p>

38 Describe, briefly but with specificity, how the PII will be secured in the system using administrative, technical, and physical controls.

Administrative Controls: OITE staff access system data via a password-protected CMS. Other users can access their own account information or other restricted resources (e.g., the Alumni Database) by providing valid system login credentials of the proper type. RTP applies role-based security to ensure access is restricted to the appropriate user groups. At any time, System Admins can manually disable accounts of individuals who have left the NIH or no longer require access to the site.

Technical Controls: Access to the system is controlled by login name and password. Access level and permissions are controlled by the system and based on user, role, and account status. Also, OITE is in the process of implementing strong password requirements across the site, for both internal and external users. This update will be complete by late November 2019.

Physical Controls: The RTP system is hosted in the cloud, through Amazon Web Services (AWS). The contractor who maintains the RTP system, Symplicity Corp., uses Amazon Aurora for its database needs. Amazon Aurora provides multiple levels of security at the database level. These include network isolation using Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC), encryption at rest using keys created and controlled through AWS Key Management Service and encryption of data in transit using SSL. On an encrypted Amazon Aurora instance, data in the underlying storage is encrypted, as are the automated backups, snapshots, and replicas in the same cluster. Communications between application and database are limited to the OITE network segment and are never exposed to a public network.

Connections to the database server are made using accounts with only the access level necessary for that connection. Connections needing only read-access to data, such as users browsing postings, are made using a database account with only read access to the specific database table they'll be reading. Similarly, update connections are made through connections granted write access only to those databases and tables they need access to.

39 Identify the publicly-available URL:

<https://www.training.nih.gov/>

40 Does the website have a posted privacy notice?

- Yes
- No

40a Is the privacy policy available in a machine-readable format?

- Yes
- No

41 Does the website use web measurement and customization technology?

- Yes
- No

	Technologies	Collects PII?
41a Select the type of website measurement and customization technologies is in use and if it is used to collect PII. (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Web beacons	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Web bugs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Session Cookies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Cookies	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	Other... The 'awstats' open source log file analyzer to parse Apache access	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

42 Does the website have any information or pages directed at children under the age of thirteen?  Yes  No

43 Does the website contain links to non- federal government websites external to HHS?  Yes  No

43a Is a disclaimer notice provided to users that follow external links to websites not owned or operated by HHS?  Yes  No

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