

## NewsFlash!

**Announcement:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced that several new enhancements have been added to xTRACT in a software release scheduled for yesterday (March 21, 2017). xTRACT is the [Extramural Trainee Reporting and Career Tracking](#) system accessed via eRA Commons. It allows applicants, grantees and assistants to create research training tables for progress reports and institutional training grant applications.

### xTRACT Enhancements:

- **Participating Faculty Upload:**  
The length of each faculty member's research interest is now validated, and an error message is displayed if it exceeds the maximum of 60 characters.
- **Copy RTD Features:**  
Some users had occasionally encountered an unexpected error upon attempting to copy a prior RTD. This issue has been corrected.
- **Correct Mean Values Displayed Properly:**  
When preparing the data for Predoctoral Applicants/Entrants, the mean values for Total Applicant Pool and Applicants Eligible for Support were sometimes displayed on the Summary tab in reverse order. This has been corrected. *Note that this display issue only affected the values displayed on the screen under the Summary tab -- when viewing these same values in the Preview or Finalized PDF, they have always been presented in the correct order.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.