



# Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR)

## August 30, 2017 NIH provided a Webinar titled: *NIH Presents: RPPR Update*

- ▶ The major purpose was to address questions related to the three types of Research Performance Progress Reports
  - ▶ Annual
  - ▶ Interim
  - ▶ Final

Webinar can be viewed:

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/user/nihgrants>



# What differentiates Interim and Final RPPRs

- ▶ Interim RPPR is submitted after the completion of a project and prior to the awarding of the competing renewal.
  - ▶ The Competing Renewal application does not serve as the Progress Report.
  - ▶ The Interim RPPR, if the Competing Renewal is successful, will convert into an "Annual RPPR."
  - ▶ The Interim RPPR, if the Competing Renewal is unsuccessful, will convert into the Final RPPR.
- ▶ The Final RPPR is due if no Competing renewal.

# One set of Instructions for all RPPR types

- ▶ NIH has consolidated the instructions for all types of RPPRs into one set of instructions:
  - ▶ [https://grants.nih.gov/sites/default/files/rppr\\_instruction\\_guide.pdf](https://grants.nih.gov/sites/default/files/rppr_instruction_guide.pdf)
- ▶ They have also updated the FAQ to address persistent questions:
  - ▶ <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/faqs.htm>

# NIH Notice

- ▶ NOT-OD-17-037 came out January 19, 2017
  - ▶ <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-037.html>

# Highlights

- ▶ The RPPRs are being aligned to improve reporting consistency.
- ▶ The Interim and Final RPPRs are model on the Annual Progress Reports but do include some additional questions.
- ▶ Competing Renewal Applications will not stand as Progress Reports any longer.
- ▶ The Interim and Final RPPRs are located on the Status and/or Closeout Tabs.

# Project Outcomes

- ▶ The “Project Outcomes” section is newly added and required .
- ▶ This information to be made publicly accessible.
- ▶ The “Project Outcomes” are intended to be a ½ page layman’s summary of outcomes.
  - ▶ The space accepts more than ½ a page but this is the recommendation for length.



## Additional quirks

- ▶ Currently NIH is reviewing the ability to have Admin assistance for editing/viewing Interim and Final RPPR material.
- ▶ Currently only the PI and the Signing Official can edit these reports.
- ▶ In order to view reports in Commons the PI needs to allow Status Access or the PI or Project Rep has to provide a pdf copy of the report.

## Coming soon....Final Report Additional Materials (FRAM)

- ▶ Similar to the mechanism for providing additional Progress Report Materials (PRAMs), NIH is working to have a mechanism for requesting additional Final Report Materials aka FRAMs.
- ▶ The one circumstance where NIH will have to return a Progress Report to the investigator for updates is if the Project Outcomes need to be updated/revised. Because this is a reportable field, the updates have to be made within the section and not in supplemental materials.