

Transcript – Summary Statement

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Welcome to the 6th of a series of tutorial videos that review the features and functionalities of the eRA Commons Status Screen.

This 6th video focuses on how to access the Summary Statement for a grant application that has been reviewed and evaluated.

Before looking at the steps to access a Summary Statement, let us take a broad look at the application evaluation process.

NIH uses a dual peer review system mandated by the Public Health Service Act and federal regulations.

Applications are first reviewed and evaluated by a Scientific Review Group (SRG).

This is made up primarily of non-federal scientists who have expertise in relevant scientific disciplines and current research areas.

Applications that advance past this level of review are then reviewed by the Institute or Center to which the application was assigned.

If the application is selected for award, the director for the IC makes the final funding decision.

So what is a Summary Statement?

A Summary Statement is a combination of the reviewers' written comments and the SRO's summary of the SRG meeting discussions.

It includes the recommendations of the study section, a recommended budget, and administrative notes.

Now let us look at how to access a Summary Statement.

To access the Summary Statement, you must first log into eRA Commons.

Click the Status menu option.

Then click the List of Applications/Grants link, or the menu tab near the top of the page.

When the system returns the list of results, find the grant application you are looking for in the table and then click the Application ID link.

This will open the Detailed Status Information screen.

In the Other Relevant Documents, look for the Summary Statement link.

Clicking the link opens the Summary Statement in a separate window.

The Summary Statement is typically available 30 days after the date of the Scientific Review Group meeting.

Because the Summary Statement is evaluative information, it is privileged communication and only available to the Principal Investigator.

Whether the application is rewarded or not, the Summary Statement is a powerful evaluative tool and should be used as a resource for the development of future application submissions.

This concludes Tutorial Number 6, Accessing the Summary Statement.

Thank you for watching.