Effective with the Fall 2015 semester, all Masters and Ph.D. students are required to obtain an eRA Commons ID and complete the Commons Personal profile. In the course of training, it is highly likely that participation in research supported by NIH awards and/or the submission of an individual proposal for funding will be a component of training. The language below is taken from the most recent NIH Guidelines.

- eRA Commons ID and Profile
  Laboratory research conducted using funds provided by NIH awards of any type requires that all participants have both an eRA Commons ID and Commons Personal Profile completed. The following fields must be filled: Date of Birth, Gender, Ethnicity and Race, Disability and Citizenship Status. For the Gender, Race and Ethnicity and Disability fields one of the acceptable responses is “Do not wish to provide”. Individuals with a role as a Graduate Student must enter at least one degree at the Bachelor’s level or above and those with a Postdoctoral role must enter a doctoral degree. The Profile must also include the name of the institution awarding the degree.