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# Why a New System?







### **Unfortunately...**

The structure of NIH's multi-project applications cannot be accommodated by Grants.gov's downloadable forms.



# **Our Approach**

We partnered with the Grants.gov team so NIH could develop **ASSIST**, a web-based submission system to accept NIH's multiproject applications that **works** *in conjunction* with **Grants.gov**.





#### The result

Essentially, ASSIST works as an alternate web front end to Grants.gov's "Apply" for NIH's multiproject applications, much like a system-to-system service provider might.

This approach allows system-to-system submitters to continue to send their submission through Grants.gov without using ASSIST.



# Behind the scenes...













# **Electronic Submission Required!**

ASSIST has allowed NIH to reach its goal of accepting all competing grant applications electronically!







# Electronic Submission of MultiProject Applications Using ASSIST

# **Registration - Preparing Application**

# All ASSIST users must have eRA Commons credentials

- Accounts with the following eRA Commons roles are currently recognized by ASSIST:
  - Signing Official (SO)
  - Administrative Official (AO)
  - Principal Investigator (PI)
  - Assistant (ASST)
  - Account Administrator (AA)
  - As of July 18, 2014, ASSIST will recognize accounts with **any** role





# **Registration – Submitting Application**

# To **submit** your application using ASSIST you will need:

 an eRA Commons account with the Signing Official (SO) role

# **AND**

 an active Grants.gov Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) account





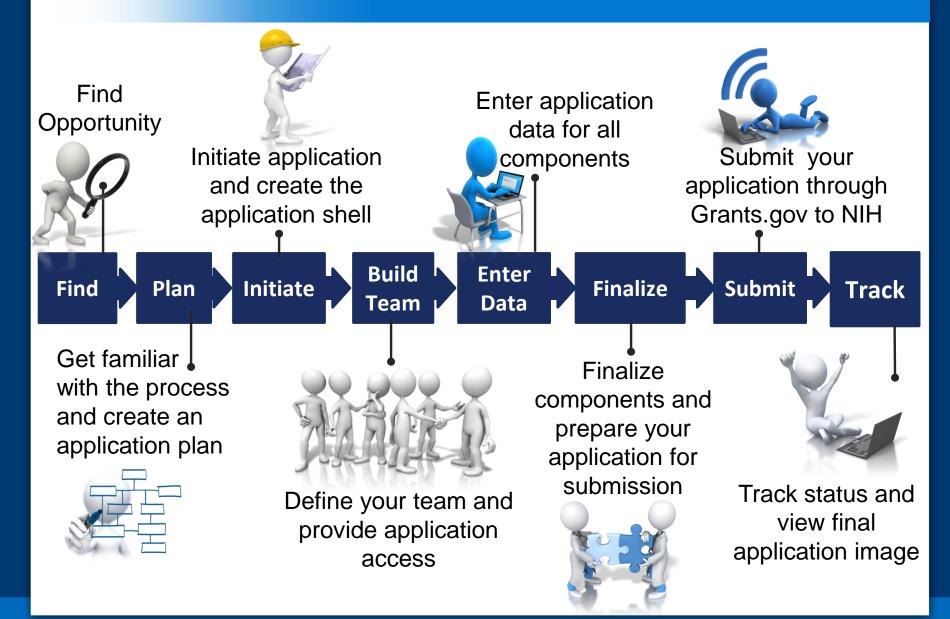
#### **Account Notes**

- Work within eRA Commons and Grants.gov to establish your accounts and be sure you can log in to those systems before using your accounts with ASSIST
- If you run into password or other account issues, return to eRA Commons or Grants.gov to work through those issues





#### **Overview of Process**





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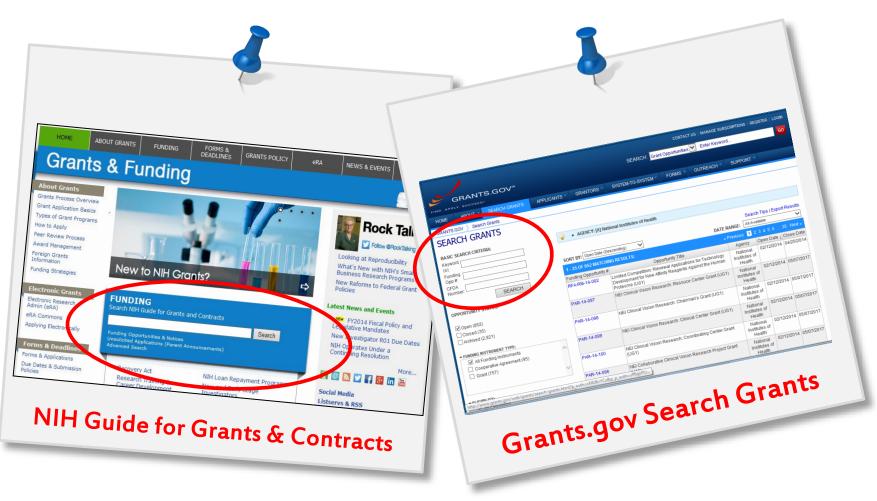
Build Team Enter Data

Finalize

Submit

Track

# Find Multi-project FOAs in...







#### **FOAs Link You to ASSIST**

#### NIH Guide for Grants & Contracts

#### \*\*ASSIST - electronic application submission required\*\*

This FOA uses NIH's new Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST) for the electronic preparation and submission of multi-project applications through Grants gov to NIH. Applications to this FOA must be submitted electronically, paper applications will not be accepted. ASSIST replaces the Grants. gov downloadble forms currently used with most NIH opportunities and provides many features to enable electronic multi-project application submission and improve data quality, including: pre-population of organization and PD/PI data, pre-submission validation of many agency business rules and the generation of data summaries in the application image used for review.

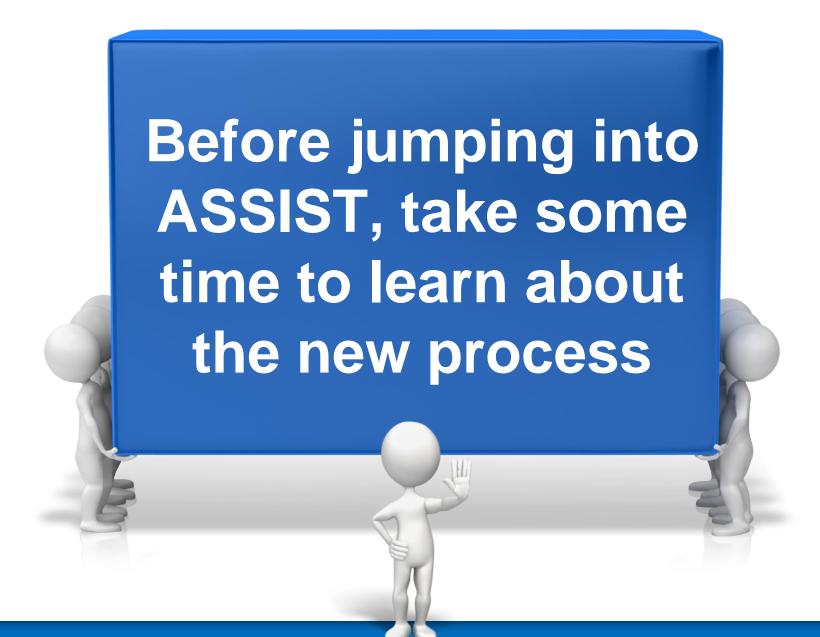
#### Required Application Instructions

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the <u>SF424 (R&R) Application Guide</u>, except where instructed to do otherwise (in this FOA or in a Notice from the <u>NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts</u>) and where instructions in the Application Guide are directly related to the Grants.gov downloadable forms currently used with most NIH opportunities. Conformance to all requirements (both in the Application Guide and the FOA) is required and strictly enforced. Applicants must read and follow all application instructions in the Application Guide as well as any program-specific instructions noted in <u>Section IV</u>. When the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, follow the program-specific instructions deviate from those in the Application Guide, on not accepted for review.

Apply for Grant Electronically

#### Grants.gov 'Apply'





## **Multi-project FOAs**

Section IV. Application and Submission Information of NIH FOAs includes important guidance for preparing your application in ASSIST.

#### Section IV. Application and Submission Information

#### 1. Requesting an Application Package

Applicants can access the SF424 (R&R) application package associated with this funding opportunity using the "Apply for Grant Electronically" button in this FOA or following the directions provided at <a href="Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a>.

Most applicants will use NIH's ASSIST system to prepare and submit applications through Grants.gov to NIH. Applications prepared and submitted using applicant systems capable of submitting electronic multi-project applications to Grants.gov will also be accepted.

#### 2. Content and Form of Application Submission

It is critical that applicants follow the instructions in the <u>SF424 (R&R) Application Guide</u>, except where instructed in this funding opportunity announcement to do otherwise and where instructions in the Application Guide are directly related to the Grants.gov downloadable forms currently used with most NIH opportunities and strictly enforced. Applications that are out of compliance.

For information on Application Submission Grant Applications.

The *SF424 (R&R) Application Guide* provides general instructions for completing application forms.

#### **Application Guide**



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service

# SF424 (R&R) Application Guide for NIH and Other PHS Agencies

A guide developed and maintained by NIH for preparing and submitting applications via Grants.gov to NIH and other PHS agencies using the SF424 (R&R)

Forms Version C application packages

Updated July 25, 2013

Agency-specific instructions are marked with the HHS logo.

Pay special attention to Section 9 - Instructions for Preparing a Multi-Project Application.

Refer to Supplemental Grant Instructions as needed (human subjects, policies, assurances, definitions and more).

# **New Application Format**

# All electronic multi-project applications will include:

- A single Overall component
  - Provides overview of entire application
- Some number of additional components
  - Component types allowed will vary by opportunity
  - Announcements will clearly indicate the types of components expected in a responsive application
- Automatically prepared data summaries
  - Compiled from information included in components
  - Helps reviewers and staff work with the applications





# **Multi-project Application Assembly**

# Understand how your application image will be assembled by NIH

- The Overall component is presented first
  - Including system-generated data summaries
- Additional component types are presented in alphabetical order (e.g., <u>Cores before Projects</u>)
  - Components of the same type are grouped together
  - Components are identified by type and sequential number (e.g., Core-001, Core-002)

#### Check out this resource:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/multiproject\_application\_image.pdf

# Create an Application Plan







# Create an Application Plan

- Carefully read the FOA and note the allowable types of required/optional components and any special instructions
- Decide how to distribute the work
- Ensure all eRA Commons and Grants.gov registrations are in place
  - Gather the Commons IDs for everyone who will be working on your application in ASSIST



#### **FOA Text Instructions**

# Sample excerpt from FOA (section IV)

#### **Page Limitations**

Component Types Available in ASSIST	Research Strategy/Program Plan Page Limits
Overall	6
Admin Core	6
Core	6
Project	12

Additional page limits described in the SF424 Application Guide and the Table of Page Limits must be followed.

#### **Instructions for the Submission of Multi-Component Applications**

The following section supplements the instructions found in the SF 424 Application Guide, and should be used for preparing a multi-component application.

The application should consist of the following components:

- Overall: required
- Administrative Core: required
- . Core: one or more optional
- Projects: minimum of 3 required





# **Define the Layout of Your Application**

# Think about the components you plan to include

- PD/PI(s) for entire application
- Organization lead for each component
- Project lead for each component
- Project Title for application/components
- Start/End dates for application/components





### **Create an Application Shell**

Create an application shell by initiating the application and adding the components in the order you would like them to appear



- As of April 25, 2014, applicants can rearrange components of the same type (e.g., have the third project entered in ASSIST appear first in the assembled application image)
- Components can be added or abandoned at any time



#### **Sample Application Layout**

#### **Overall Component**



PD/PIs: Cher D. Money, Ben A. Round

**Organization:** A

Project Title: Research Center to Cure

Component Type: Core

the Diseases of the World

#### Component Type: Project

#### Component Type: Admin Core

#### Admin Core-001



Project Title: Administrative Core

Project Lead: Jed I. Knight

Organization: A

#### Core-001



Project Title: Research

Core

Project Lead: Ben A.

Round

Organization: A

#### Subaward Budget

**Organization: D** 

#### Core-002



**Project Title:** 

Communications Core **Project Lead:** Abel Tu

Lead

Organization: B

#### Project-001



**Project Title**: Fabulous Research Focus 1

Project Lead: Cher D.

Money

Organization: A

#### Project-002



Project Title: Fabulous Research Focus 2 Project Lead: Quin T.

Sential

**Organization:** B

#### Project-003



**Project Title**: Fabulous Research Focus 3

Project Lead: Ima Doer

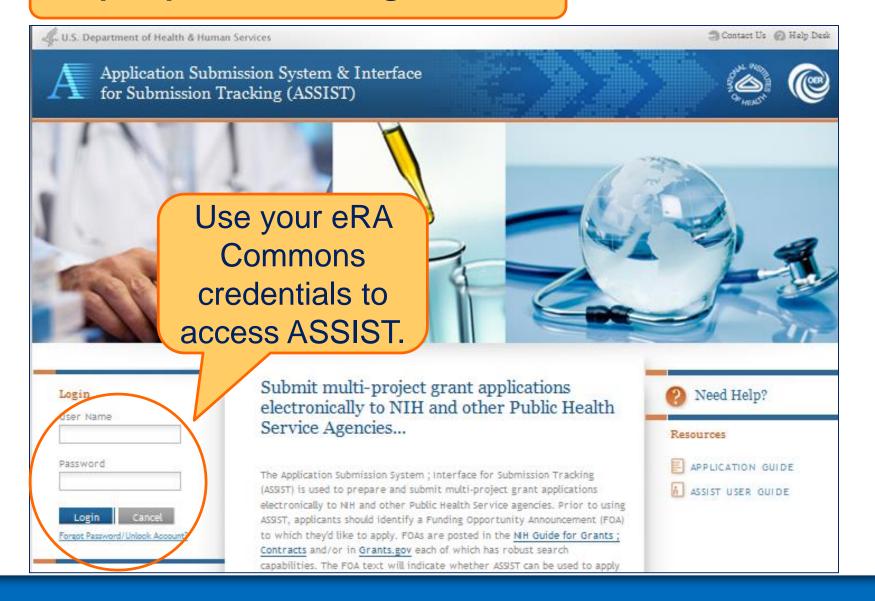
Organization: C



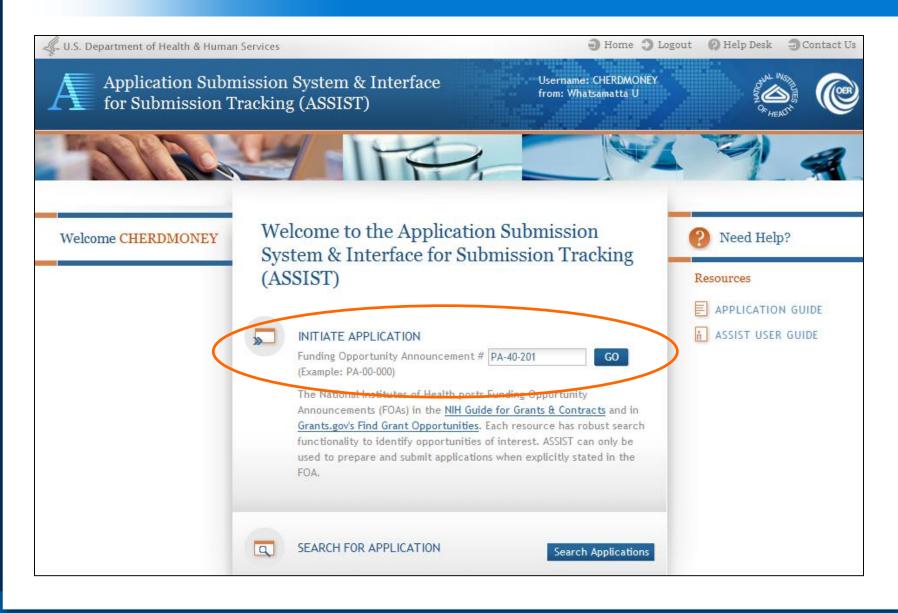


#### Log In to ASSIST

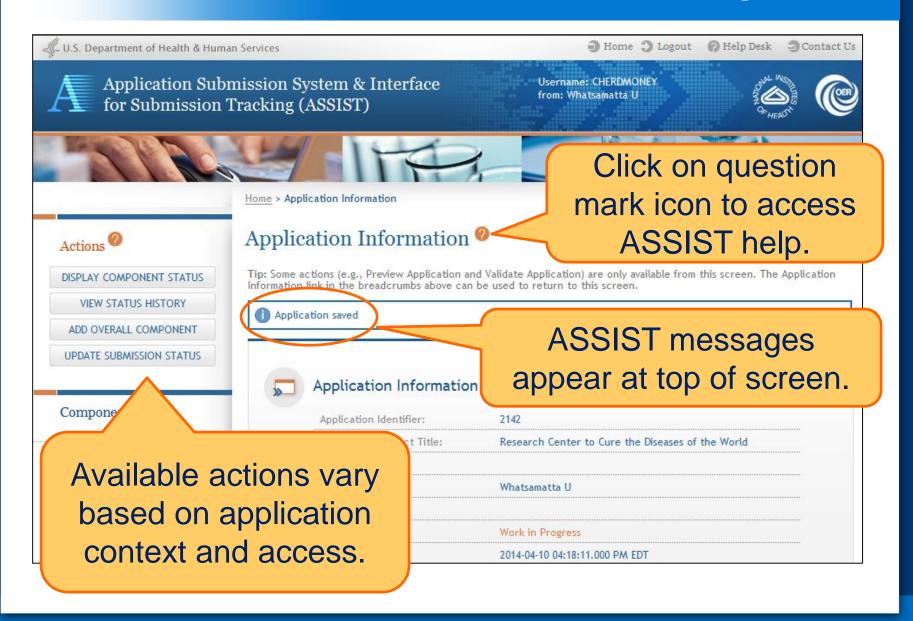
# https://public.era.nih.gov/assist



#### **Initiate Application**



#### **Using ASSIST**

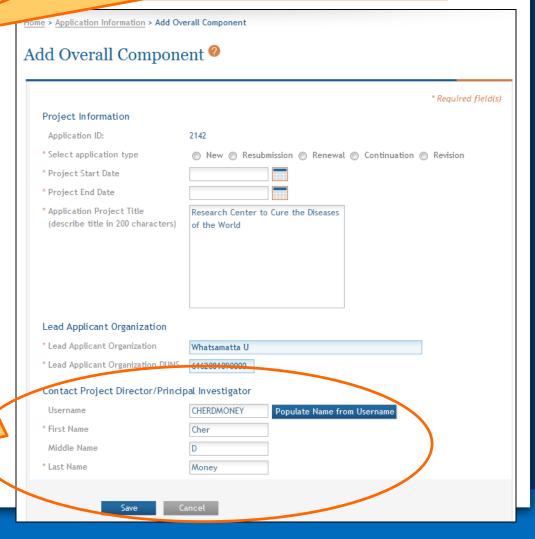


#### **Add Overall Component**

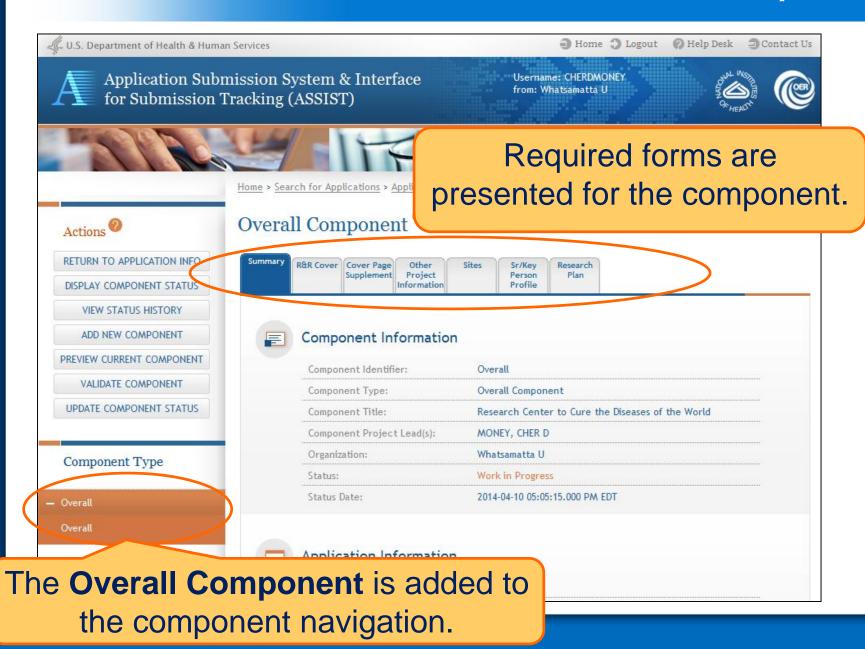


Click **Add Overall Component** to start building your application.

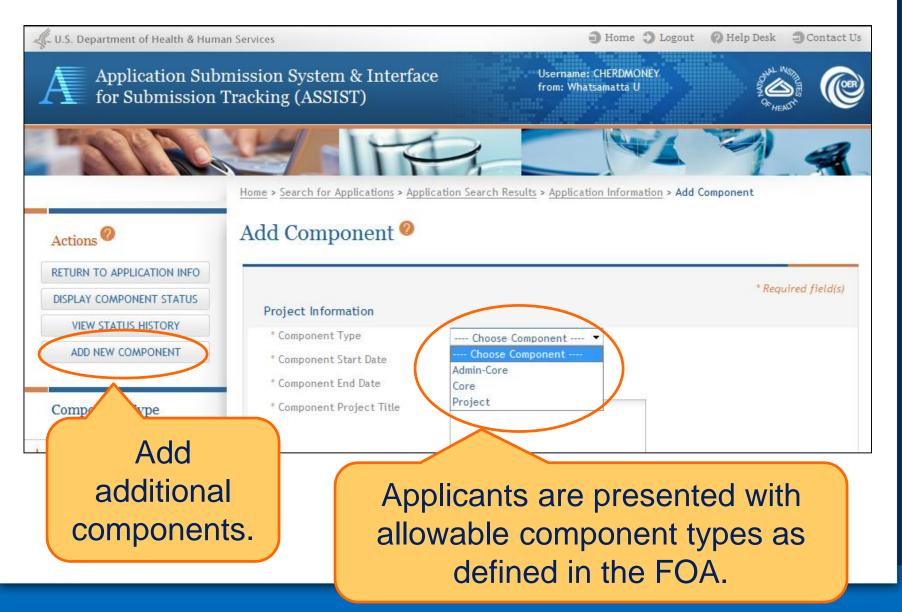
Enter the Commons Username for the contact PD/PI and use the **Populate** Name from **Username** button or type PD/PI name.



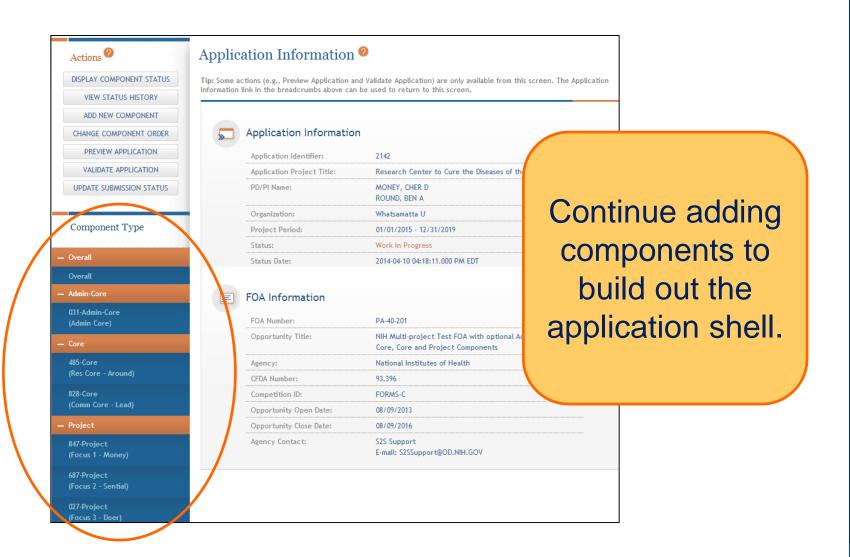
#### **Overall Component**



### **Adding Additional Components**



### **Adding Components**





# **Automatic Application Access**

ASSIST automatically provides application access to some individuals based on their Commons roles or role on the application

- The person that initiates the application has edit access for the entire application
- All SOs and AOs at the applicant institution have irrevocable edit access for the entire application
- All PD/PIs listed on the Overall application have edit access for the entire application
- All SOs and AOs at an organization leading a component have irrevocable edit access for their component
- The component Project Leads have edit access for their components

## **Managing Access**

- Application access can be given to additional users with Commons IDs
  - Within or outside applicant organization
- Application access can be controlled across these variables:

- Entire application vs. specific components

- Read vs. Edit
- Budget vs. Non-budget data





## Signing Officials (SOs)

## SOs at the applicant institution can

- Manage application access for other users
- Manage application status all the way to Ready for Submission status
- Delegate Access Maintainer and Status Maintainer authority to other users within their institution
- Access the Submit action

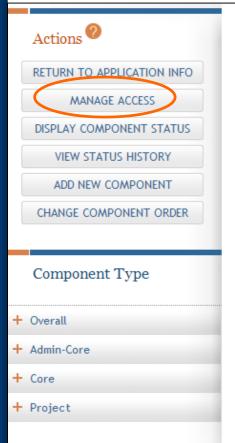




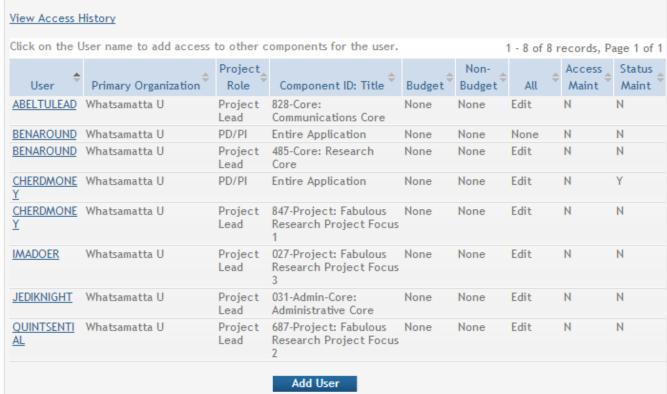


## **Managing Access**

The Manage Access action can be used to provide access to additional users or modify access for existing users.

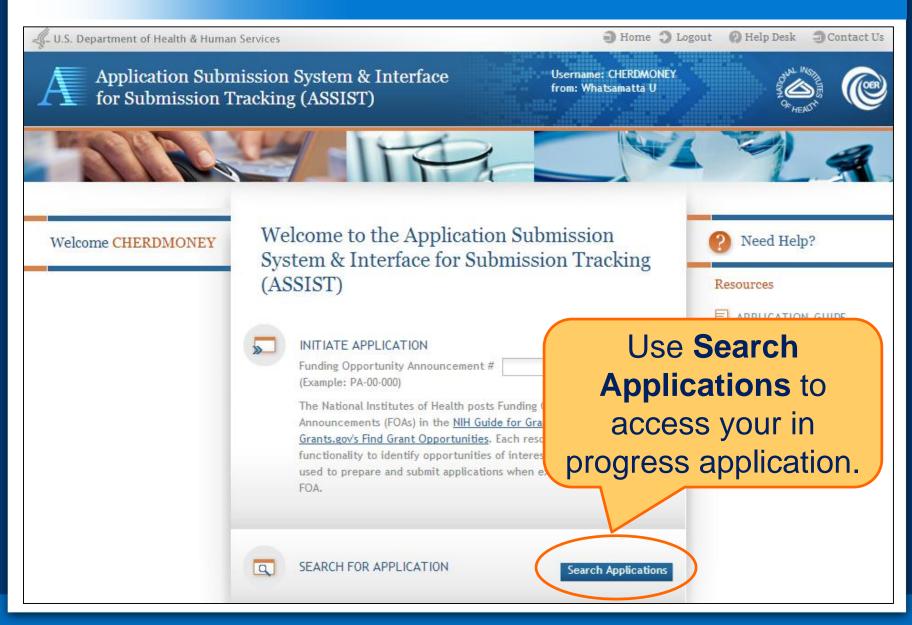


## User Access Summary <sup>1</sup>

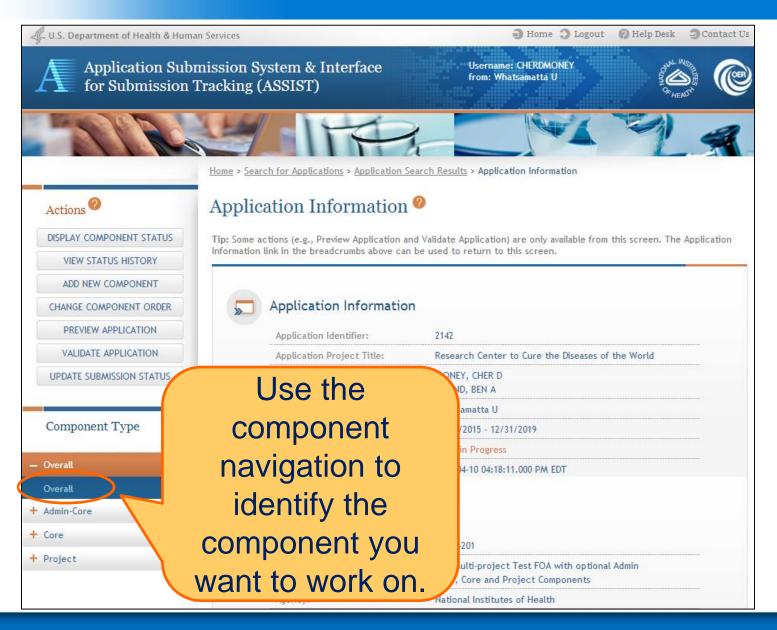


# Enter Application Data

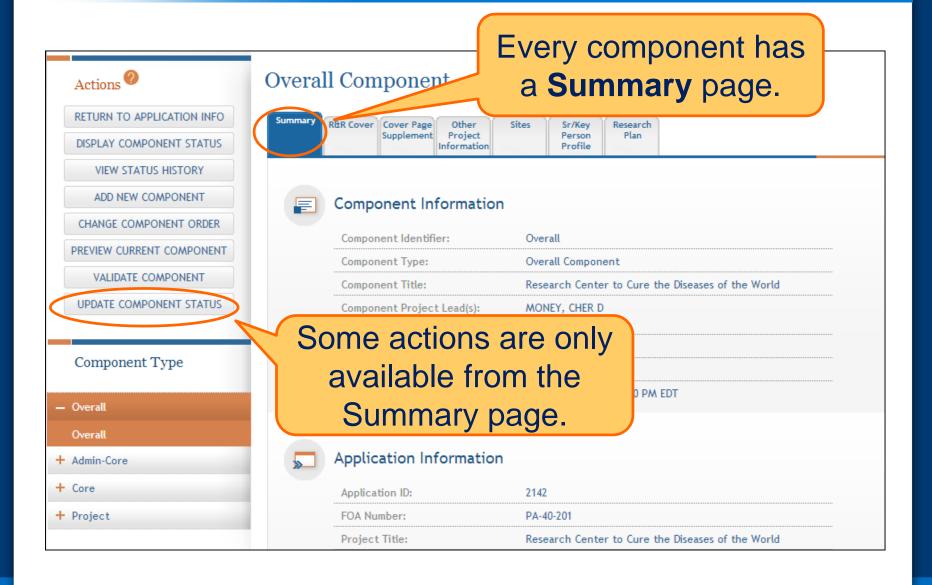
## **Searching for In-progress Applications**



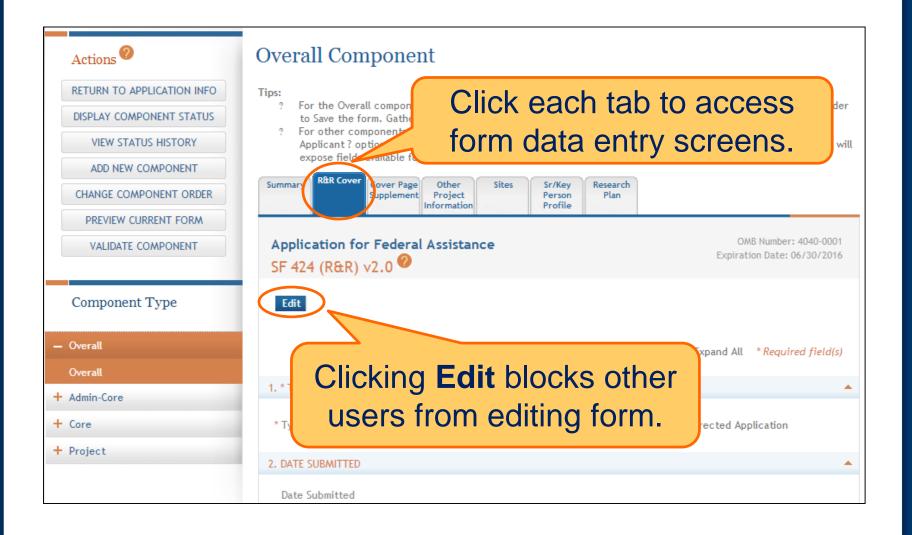
## **Navigating to a Specific Component**



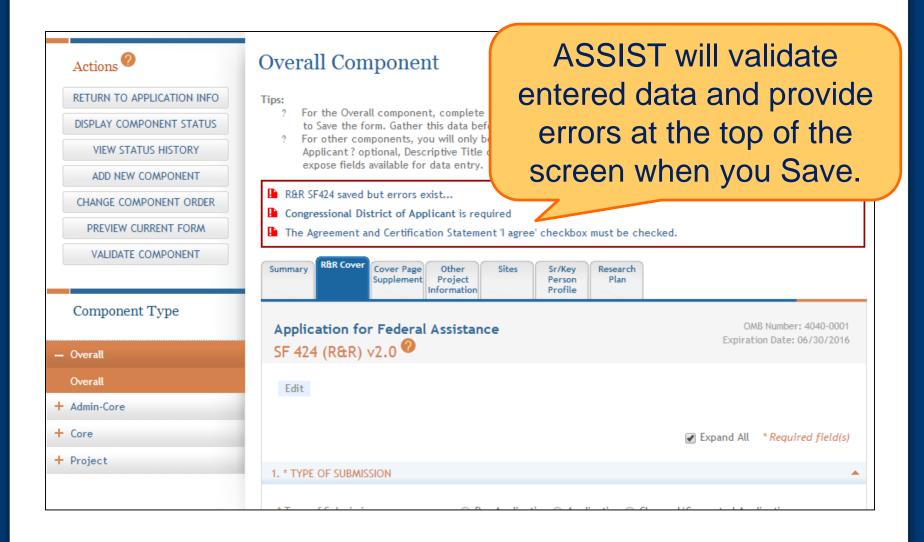
## **Summary Page**



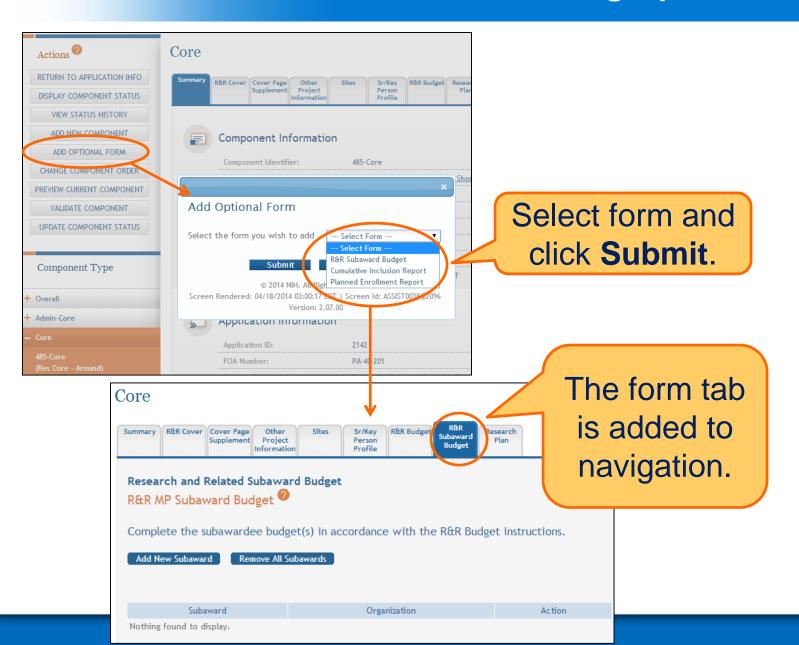
## **Entering Application Data**



## **Data Entry Validation**



## **Adding Optional Forms**



## **Data Entry: R&R Cover**

Overall	All other components
All form fields used	<ul> <li>Subset of fields used:</li> <li>Field 5: Organization Information</li> <li>Field 7 (Optional): Type of Applicant</li> <li>Field 11: Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project</li> <li>Field 12: Proposed Project Start/End Dates</li> </ul>





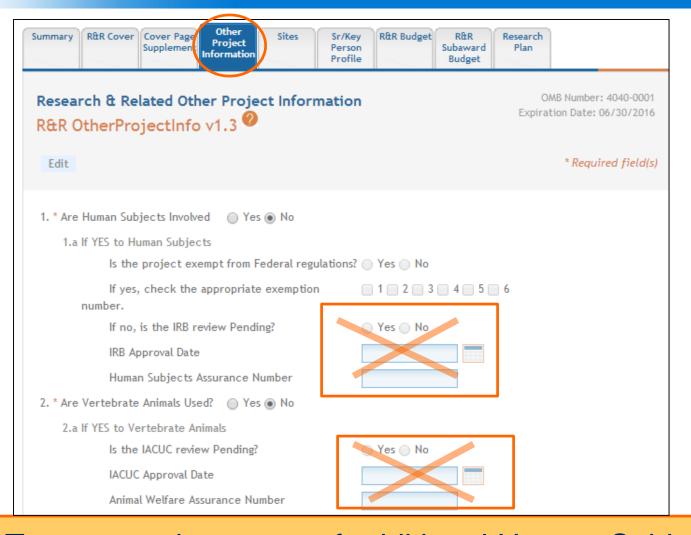
## **Data Entry: Other Project Information**

Overall Component	All other components
Human Subjects: Standard Application Guide instructions apply	Human Subjects: Answer only the 'Are Human Subjects Involved?' and Is the Project Exempt from Federal regulations?' questions.
Vertebrate Animals: Standard Application Guide instructions apply	Vertebrate Animals: Answer only the 'Are Vertebrate Animals Used?' question.
Project Narrative: Used by NIH for statement of public health relevance; required	Project Narrative: FOA may specify attachment is optional.





## **Data Entry: Other Project Information**



ASSIST prevents data entry of additional Human Subject and Vertebrate Animal info on components other than Overall.

## **Data Entry: Research Plan**

Overall Component	All other components
Attachments: Describe the entire application.	Attachments: Reflect the activity in the specific component.
Introduction: Required for Resubmission/ Revision applications	Introduction: See FOA instructions.
Specific Aims: Required	Specific Aims: Required
Research Strategy: See FOA instructions for page limit.	Research Strategy: See FOA instructions for page limit.





## Data Entry: Sr/Key Person Profile

## **Overall Component**

- Use the Project
   Director/Principal
   Investigator section to designate the Contact PD/PI
- Include any Multi-PD/PIs
  - Project Role of PD/PI

## All other components

- Use the Project
   Director/Principal
   Investigator section to designate the Project Lead
- Must not use PD/PI role
  - ASSIST defaults role to Other, Project Lead
  - Follow FOA instructions

Applications must include a single biosketch for each Sr/Key person regardless of the number of components they are listed on. Biosketch can be included with any entry – just pick one.

## **Avoid Common Errors**

- ASSIST screen tips
  - Found at the top of many data entry screens
- Application Guide
- Annotated form sets
  - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/communication.htm#forms
- Ten Checks to Help Avoid Common Errors
  - http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/avoiding \_errors.htm#10checks





## **Component Actions**

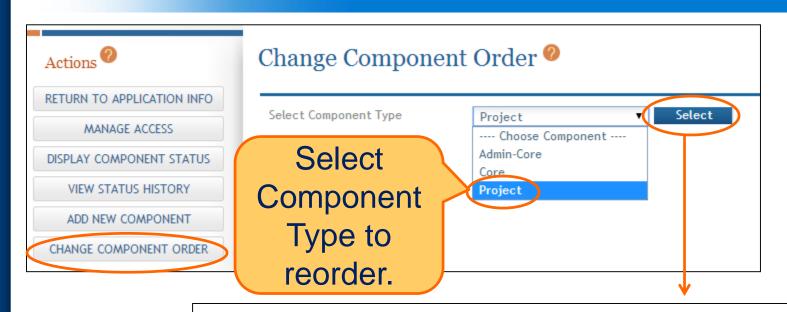
## As component data is entered several actions are available:

- Change Component Order
- Validate Component
- Preview Current Component
- Update Component Status
  - Work In Progress only status that allows editing
  - Complete component data entry is complete
  - Final component has been reviewed by applicant organization and incorporated into the application





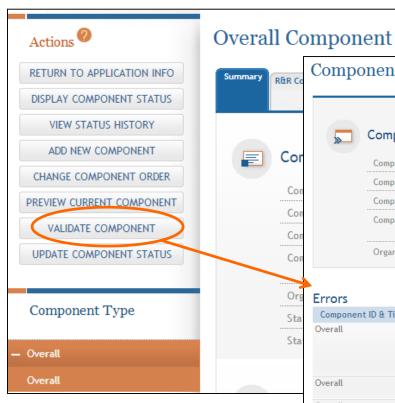
## **Change Component Order**





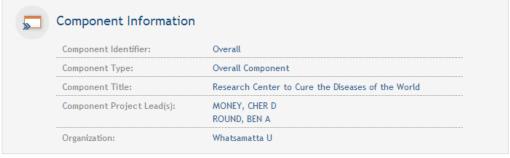
Provide desired sequence.

## **Validating a Component**



Errors and Warnings are displayed.

## Component Errors and Warnings Results @



#### **Errors**

Component ID & Title	Form Name	Error Message
Overall	Other Project Information	When Vertebrate Animals is "Yes", you must provide one of the following: (1) animal welfare assurance number + IACUC approval date, (2) animal welfare assurance number + an indication that IACUC approval is pending OR (3) the word 'None' on the Other Project Information component. (004.7.1)
Overall	Sr/Key Person Profile	The organization name for Key Person Ben Round must be provided on the Senior/Key Person page. (005.35.1)
Overall	Sr/Key Person Profile	The organization name for Key Person Cher, Money must be provided on the Senior/Key Person page. (005.8.1)
Overall	Research Plan	A Vertebrate Animals attachment must be included on the PHS 398 Research Plan page if the response to the Vertebrate/Animals Subject Used Question on the Other Project Information page is "Yes" (010.10.1)
Overall	Research Plan	A Protection of Human Subjects attachment must be included on the PHS 398 Research Plan page if the response to the Human Subjects question on the Other Project Information page is 'Yes'. (010.6.1)

#### Warnings

Component ID & Title	Form Name	Warning Message
Overall		The Employer Identification Number on the SF 424 RR Cover page should be a length of 9 characters or 12 characters. The application will be accepted by the agency. (001.28.1)

## **Errors & Warnings**

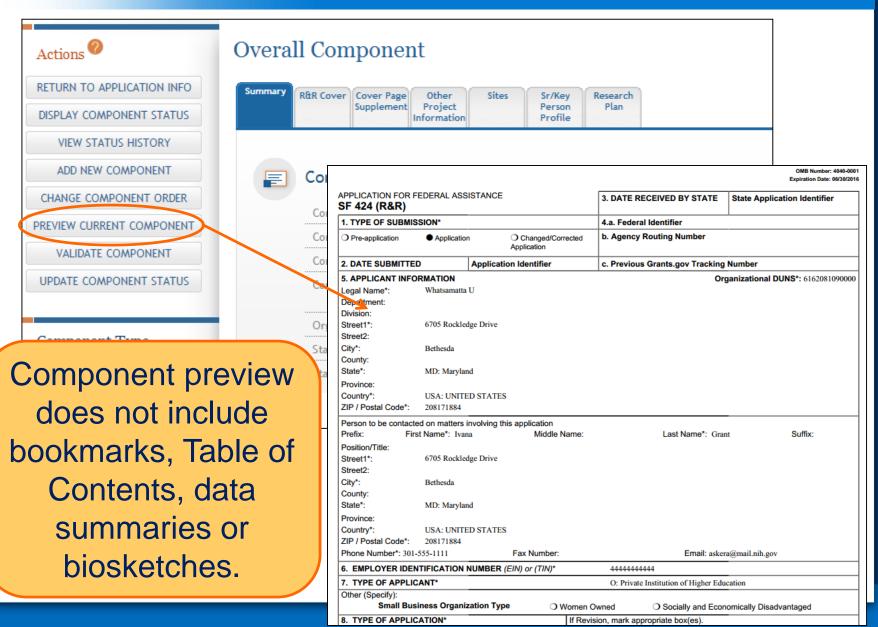


Errors stop application submission and processing and must be corrected before the deadline

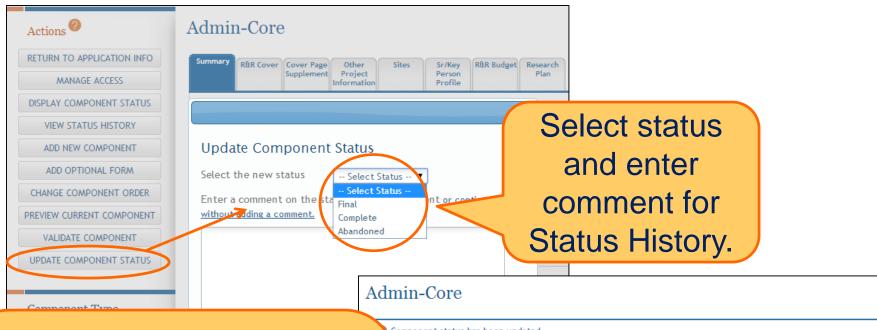


Warnings do not stop application submission or processing and are corrected at the discretion of the applicant before the deadline

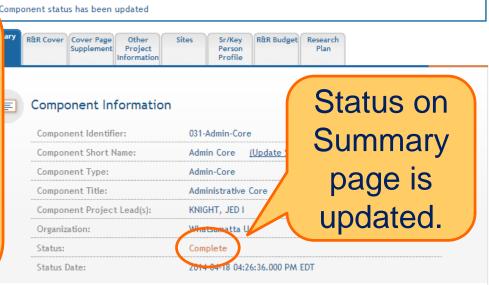
## **Previewing a Component**



## **Updating Component Status to Complete**



Once a component is marked 'Complete' no additional edits can be made unless someone with entire application edit authority returns the status to 'Work in Progress'.





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Enter **Data** 

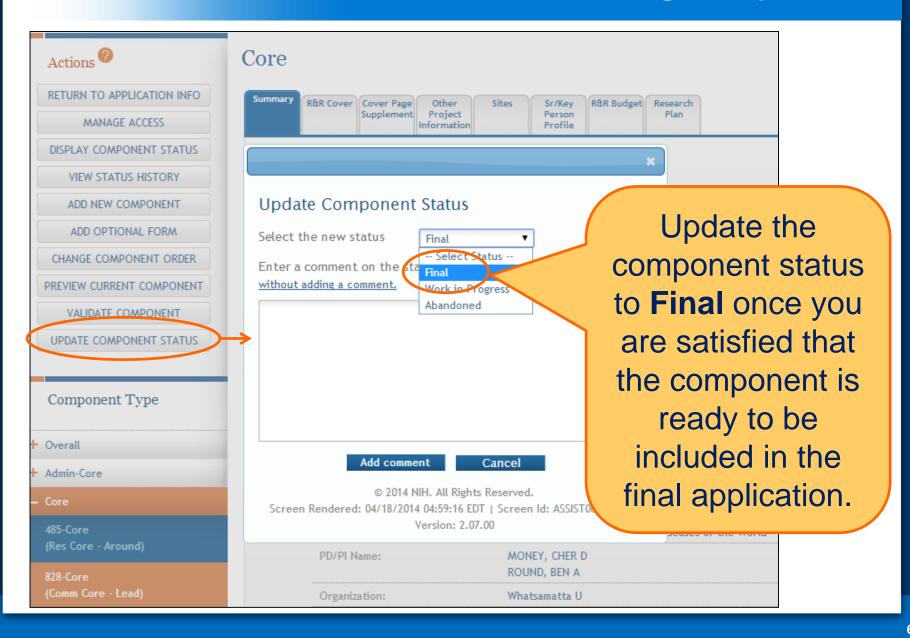
**Finalize** 

Submit

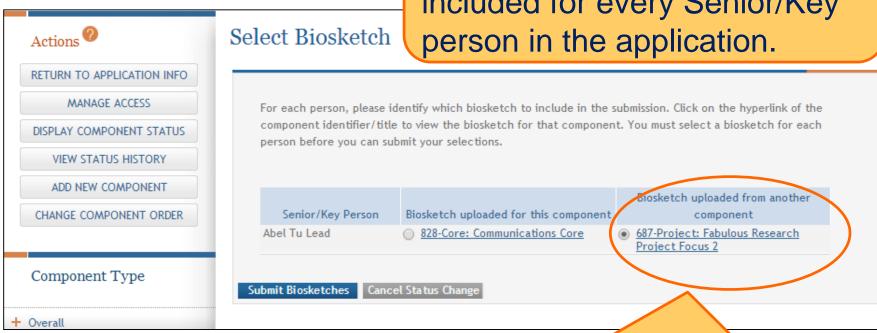
Track

- As components are marked 'Complete', the applicant organization can preview them and incorporate those that are ready into the final application by updating the component status to 'Final'.
- All components must be marked 'Final' before an application can be prepared for submission.

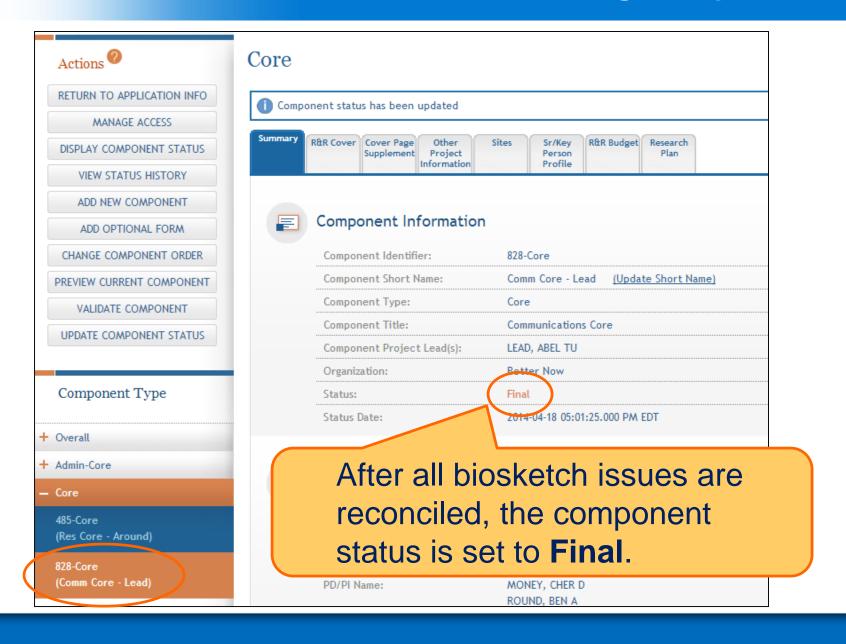




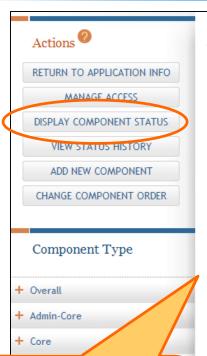
ASSIST will check to ensure that only one biosketch is included for every Senior/Key person in the application.



If a biosketch is already included for any Sr/Key, you will have the option to view each biosketch and select the one you wish to keep.



## **Display Component Status**



Provides all application and component status on a single screen.

### Application Status <sup>10</sup>



- 1 To update a status start by selecting the Update Submission Status button in the left column from:
- · Any form in an Application for the Application
- · Component Summary for a Component

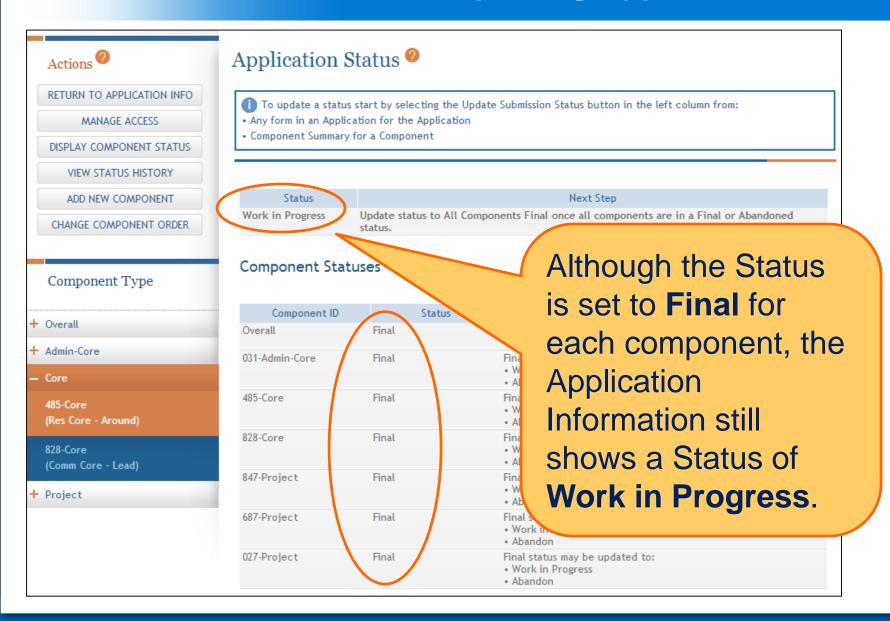
Status	Next Step
Work in Progress	Update status to All Components Final once all components are in a Final or Abandoned status.

#### Component Statuses

1 - 7 of 7 records, Page 1 of 1

Component ID	Status	Next Steps
Overall	Work in Progress	Work in progress status may be updated to: Complete Final
031-Admin-Core	Complete	Complete status may be updated to: Final Work in progress Abandon
485-Core	Work in Progress	Work in progress status may be updated to:  Complete Final Abandon
828-Core	Final	Final status may be updated to:  • Work in Progress  • Abandon
847-Project	Final	Final status may be updated to:  Work in Progress Abandon
687-Project	Final	Final status may be updated to:  Work in Progress Abandon
027-Project	Final	Final status may be updated to:  • Work in Progress  • Abandon

## **Updating Application Status**

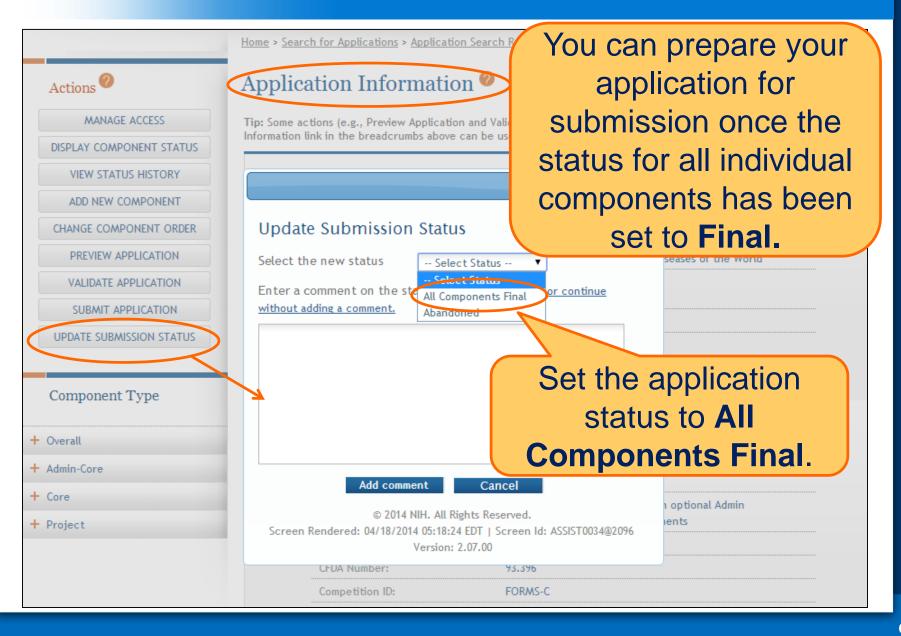


## **Application Status Flow**

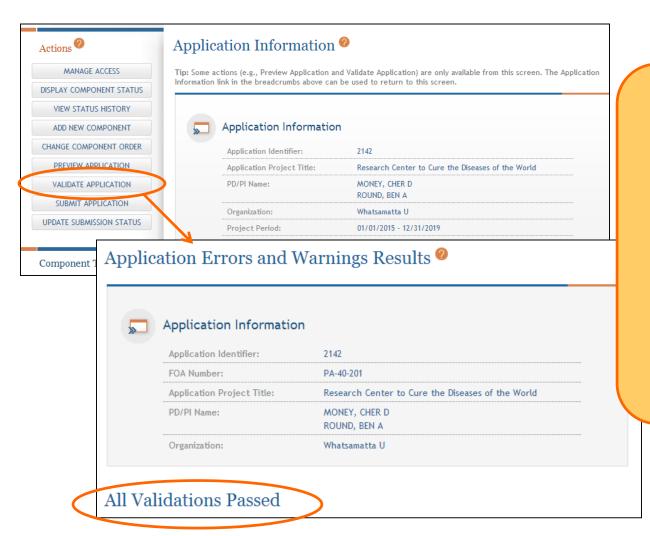
- Work In Progress Allows editing
- All Components Final Can only be updated once each component status is Final; must Validate Application to move to next status
- All Components Validated Automatically set once Application Validation is error-free
- Ready for Submission Should be set after all internal reviews have taken place
- Submitted Automatically set after submitting to Grants.gov



## **All Components Final**

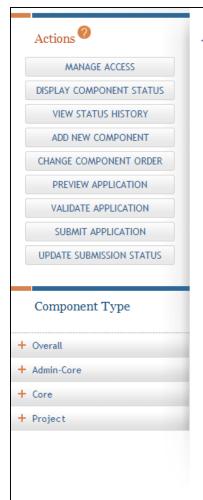


## **Final Validation Check**



Before an application can be submitted, it must pass validations (Warnings are OK).

## **All Components Validated**



#### Application Information @

Application Information

Tip: Some actions (e.g., Preview Application and Validate Application) are only available from this screen. The Application Information link in the breadcrumbs above can be used to return to this screen.

Application in ormation	
Application Identifier:	2142
Application Project Title:	Research Center to Cure the Dise
PD/PI Name:	MONEY, CHER D ROUND, BEN A
Organization:	Whatsamatta U
Project Period:	01/01/2015 12/31/2019
Status:	All Components Validated
Status Date:	2014-04-18 05:23:40.000 PM EDT

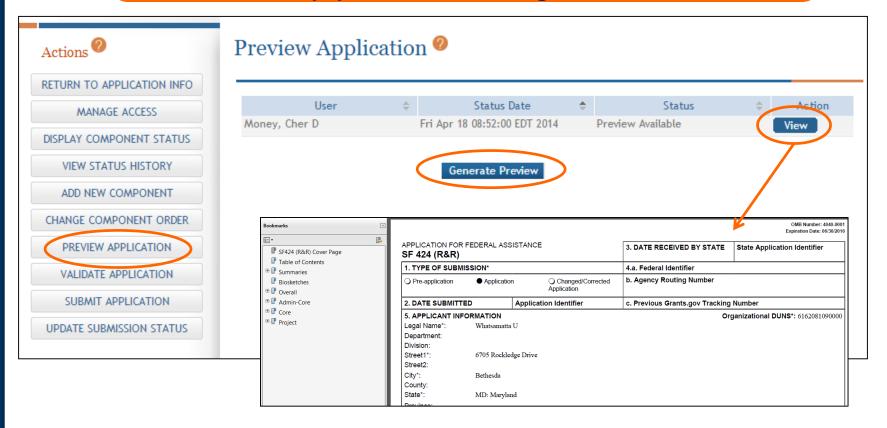
FOA Information

FOA Number: PA-40-201 NIH Multi-project Test FOA with o Opportunity Title: Core, Core and Project Componer National Institutes of Health Agency: CFDA Number: 93,396 Competition ID: FORMS-C Opportunity Open Date: 08/09/2013 Opportunity Close Date: 08/09/2016 Agency Contact: S2S Support E-mail: S2SSupport@OD.NIH.GOV

When the application passes validations, the application status is automatically updated to All Components Validated.

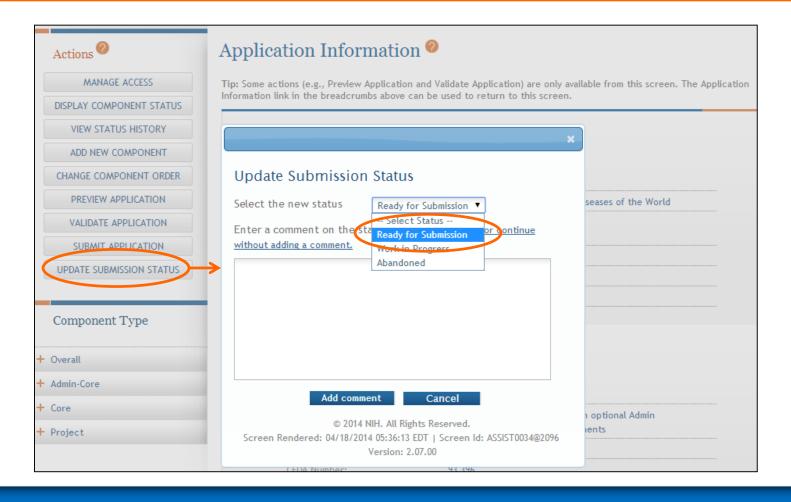
## **Preview Application**

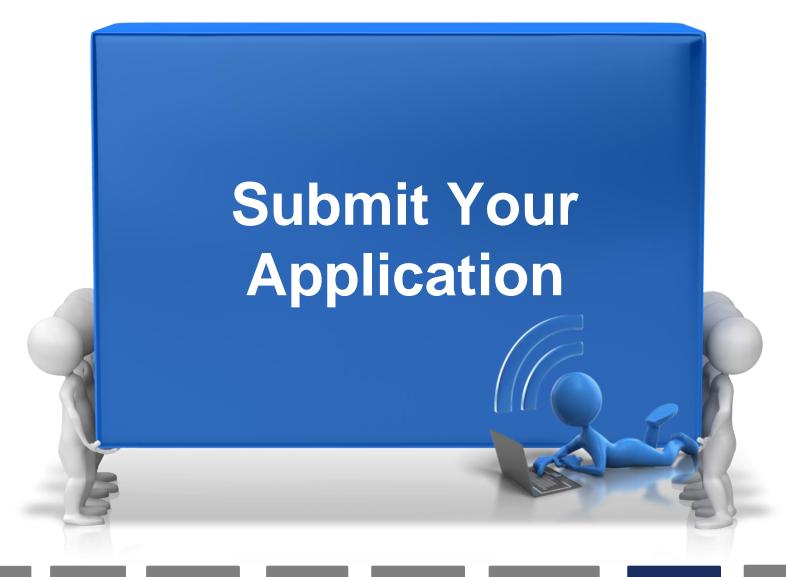
Before you submit you can **Preview the Application** and verify that everything is just the way you want it to go to review.



## **Ready for Submission**

Once all internal reviews are complete, update the application status to **Ready for Submission**.





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#### **On-time Submission**

Error-free submission must be made by 5:00 p.m. local time (of submitting organization) on due date

- It takes time to prepare your application for submission
- Submit early (days, not minutes) to have time to address any unforeseen issues and to view your assembled application





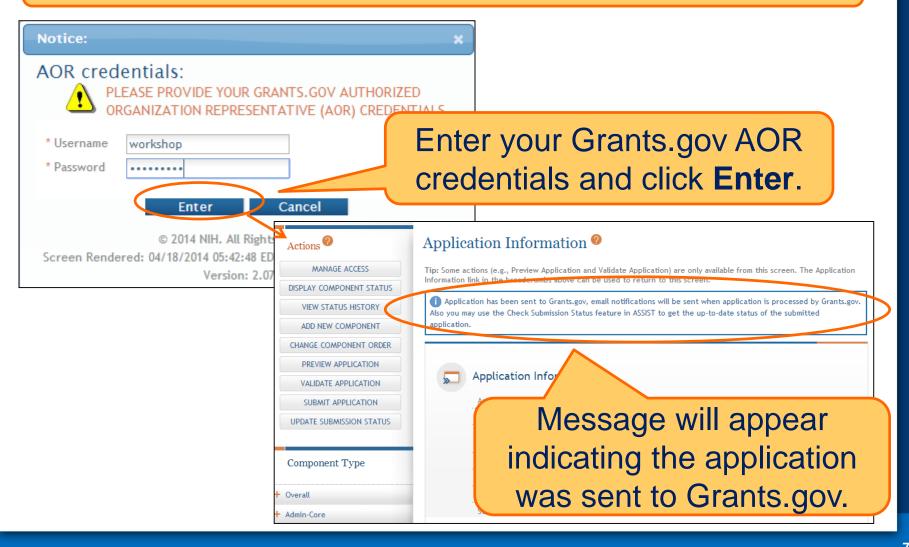
### **Submit Your Application**

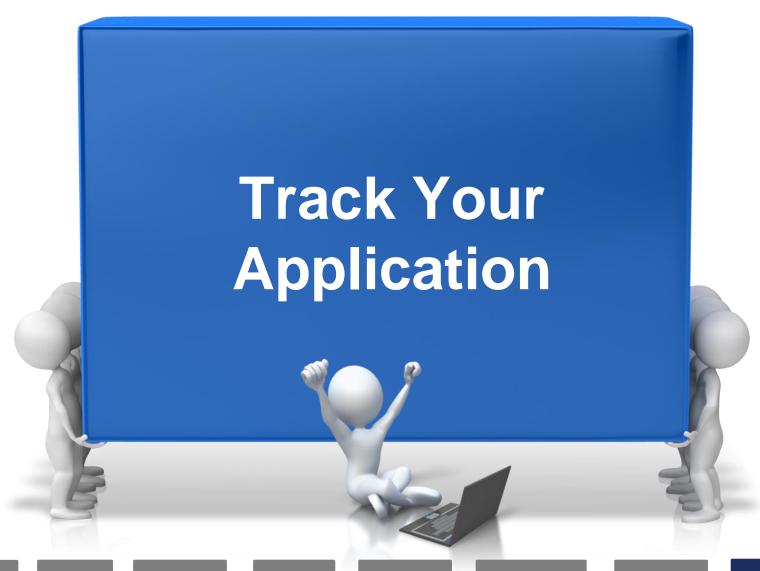
Must be a Signing Official (SO) for the Lead Organization who is an Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) to submit.



### **Submit Your Application**

Applications are submitted from ASSIST to Grants.gov.





#### **Notifications**

ASSIST sends out quite a few email notifications throughout the preparation and submission process to help you track your application

- Application access changes, component/application updates, component/application status changes, submission status updates and more
- Notifications being reviewed to determine if they should be kept, consolidated or removed

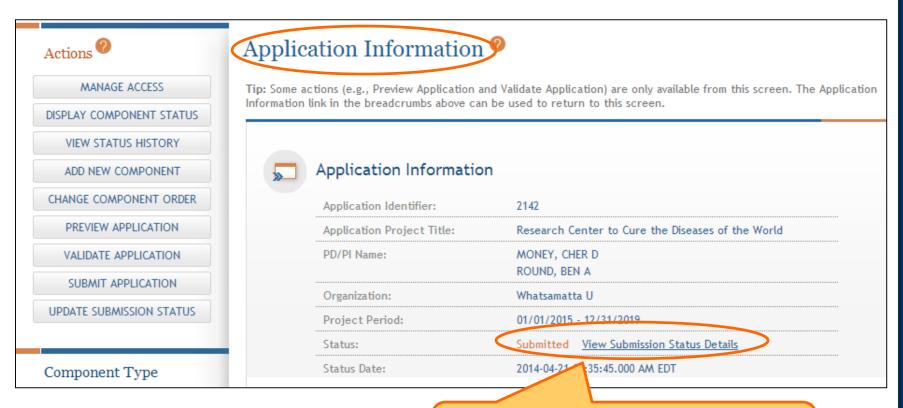
# ASSIST provides the ability to track both Grants.gov and NIH status

 ASSIST provides a link to the Commons Detailed Status Information to view your assembled application





After submitting to Grants.gov, submission status can be tracked in ASSIST.



Click View Submission
Status Details.

#### Top of screen

#### Application Information @



When an error-free application is received at NIH the processing status should display as follows:

- ASSIST = Submitted
- Grants.gov = Agency Tracking Number Assigned
- Agency = Processed

Following the hyperlinked Agency Tracking # in the Agency section of the screen brings users with appropriate authority directly to the eRA Commons Detailed Status screen from which they can view the assembled e-Application image and associated documents for the submission.

Application Identifier: 2142

FOA Number: PA-40-201

Project Title: Research Center to Cure the Diseases of the World

PD/PI Name: MONEY, CHER D

Organization: Whatsamatta II

Grants.gov Tracking #: GRANT00583917

Last Status Check: Mon Apr 21 16:29:00 EDT 2014

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#### **ASSIST**

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Submitting AOR:

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#### Agency

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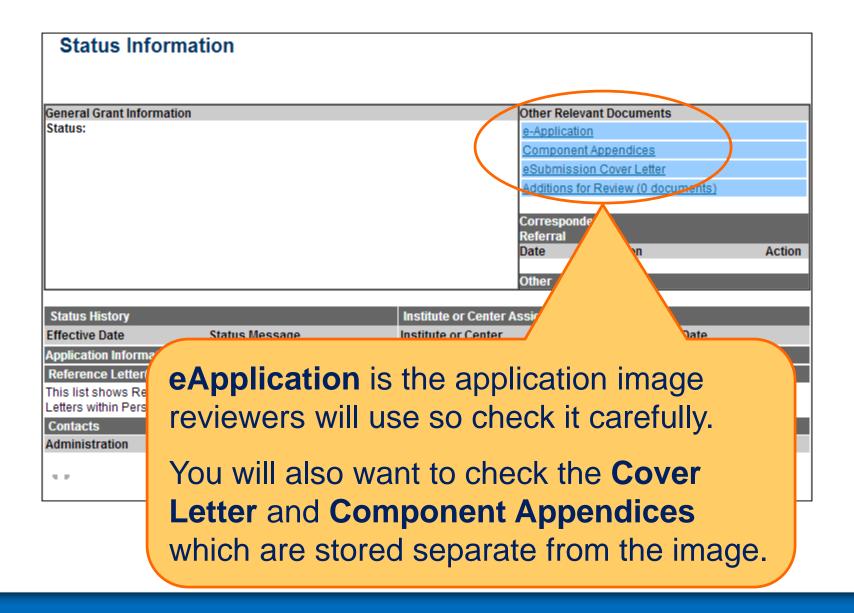
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ASSIST, Grants.gov and Agency submission status are available.

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Agency Tracking # link brings you to the detailed status screen in eRA Commons.

### **Viewing Your Application in Commons**



### **Application Viewing Window**

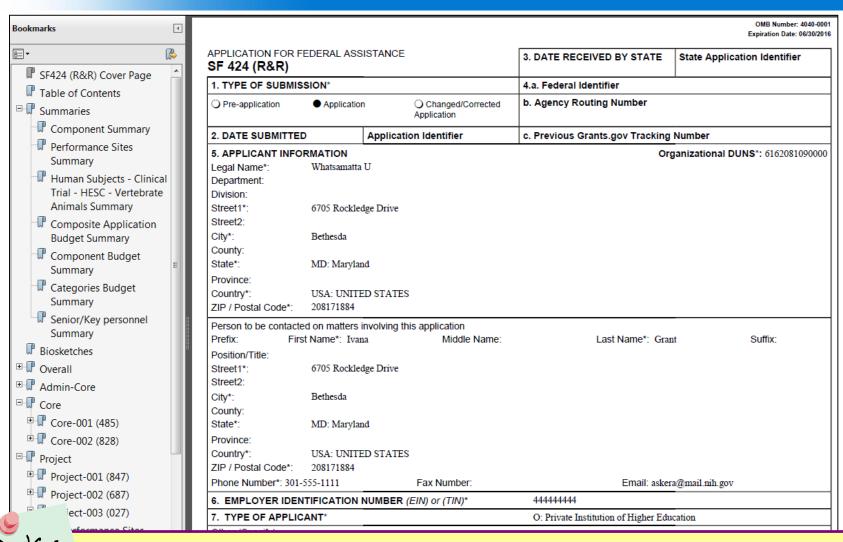
Applicants have two (2) business days to view the assembled application image in Commons before it automatically moves forward to NIH staff for further processing







### **Viewing Your Application in Commons**



It is your responsibility to carefully review the entire application to ensure it has been processed correctly!

#### **Automatic Data Summaries**

Country

UNITED STATES

Component

Core-002 (828)

Project-002 (687)

Project-003 (027)

Core-001 (485)

Project-001 (847)

Admin-Core-001 (031)

#### Component Summary

Contact PD/PI Name or Project Lead Name Money, Cher D

Organization Name

Better Now

HESC Involved

City

Vertebrate Animals

Bethesda

Components	Component Project Title	Organization Name
Overall	Research Center to Cure the Diseases of the World	Whatsamatta U
Admin-Core-001 (031)	Administrative Core	Whatsamatta U
Core-001 (485)	Research Core	Whatsamatta U
Core-002 (828)	Communications Core	Better Now
Project-001 (847)	Fabulous Research Project Focus 1	Whatsamatta U
Project-002 (687)	Fabulous Research Project Focus 2	Better Now
Project-003 (027)	Fabulous Research Project Focus 3	Cures R Us

#### Project/Performance Site Location(s) Summary

Applicant Organization	City	State/Province	Country	
Whatsamatta U	Bethesda	MD	UNITED STATES	

State/Province

MD

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**Human Subjects Clinical Trial** Vertebrate Animals

**Human Embryonic Stem Cells** Summary Clinical Trial

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Υ	N
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#### Senior/Key Personnel Summary

Name	Organization	Role on Project	Components
Money, Cher D	Whatsamatta U	PD/PI(Contact)	Overall
Round, Ben A	Whatsamatta U	PD/PI(MPI) Overall	
Dish, Pete Ree	Whatsamatta U	Faculty	Project-001 (847)
Doer, Ima	Cures R Us	Other: Project Lead	Project-003 (027)
Dote, Ann T	Cures R Us	Post Doctoral Scholar	Project-003 (027)
Knight, Jed I	Whatsamatta U	Other: Project Lead	Admin-Core-001 (031)
Kur, Bea	Better Now	Faculty	Project-002 (687)
Lead Abel Tu	Retter Now	Other Project Lead	Core-002 (828)

#### **Automatic Data Summaries**

#### Composite Application Budget Summary

Categories	Budget Period 1	_	Budget Period 3	Budget Period 4	Budget Period 5	TOTALS
Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits	414,313	414,313	414,313	414,313	414,313	2,071,565
Equipment	58,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	82,000
Travel	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	25,000
Participant/Trainee Support Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Direct Costs (excluding Consortium)	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500	87,500	437,500
Consortium Costs	1,580,755	1,360,755	1,360,755	1,360,755	1,360,755	7,023,775
Direct Costs	2,145,568	1,873,568	1,873,568	1,873,568	1,873,568	9,639,840
Indirect Costs	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,250,000
Total Direct and Indirect Costs	2,395,568	2,123,568	2,123,568	2,123,568	2,123,568	10,889,840

#### Total Direct Costs less Consortium F&A

Category	_	_	_	_	Budget Period 5	TOTALS
Total Direct Costs less Consortium F&A	1,665,568	1,393,568	1,393,568	1,393,568	1,393,568	7,239,840

<sup>\*</sup>This application includes at least one component led by an organization that has a DUNS different than the Applicant Organization. The indirect cost calculation for the applicant organization may not include all allowed Indirect Costs for the first \$25K of requested consortium costs and, therefore, may appear less than expected. No action is required from the applicant; NIH will make any appropriate corrections to the budget calculations administratively. The application review will not be affected.

### **Automatic Data Summaries**

Component Budget Summary								
Components	Categories	Budget Period 1	Budget Period 2	Budget Period 3	Budget Period 4	Budget Period 5	TOTALS	
Admin-Core-001 (031)	Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits	91,000	91,000	91,000	91,000	91,000	455,000	
	Equipment	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	30,000	
	Travel	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000	
	Participant/Trainee Support Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Other Direct Costs (excluding Consortium)	56,500	56,500	56,500	56,500	56,500	282,500	
	Consortium Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Direct Costs	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	154,500	772,500	
	Indirect Costs	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	375,000	
TOTALS	Total Direct and Indirect Costs	229,500	229,500	229,500	229,500	229,500	1,147,500	
Core-001 (485)	Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits	171,333	171,333	171,333	171,333	171,333	858,665	

Categories Budget Summary								
Categories	Components	Budget Period 1	Budget Period 2	Budget Period 3	Budget Period 4	Budget Period 5	TOTALS	
R&R Budget - Senior/Key Person Funds Requested	Admin-Core-001 (031)	47,000	47,000	47,000	47,000	47,000	235,000	
	Core-001 (485)	101,333	101,333	101,333	101,333	101,333	506,665	
	Core-002 (828)	97,000	97,000	97,000	97,000	97,000	485,000	
	Project-001 (847)	90,833	90,833	90,833	90,833	90,833	454,165	
	Project-002 (687)	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	750,000	
	Project-003 (027)	143,050	143,050	143,050	143,050	143,050	715,250	
TOTALS		629,216	629,216	629,216	629,216	629,216	3,146,080	
R&R Budget - Other Personnel Funds Requested	Admin-Core-001 (031)	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	220,000	

### Rejecting the Application

SO can Reject application in Commons within viewing window and submit a Changed/Corrected application prior to the due date



### **Submission Complete!**

If no action is taken to reject the application during the two business day viewing window, the application automatically moves forward to NIH for further processing.







#### Some Final Notes...

Be patient when Validating or Previewing a Component or Application and resist the urge to click the action button again and again. It will only increase the time to complete the action.

 Submitting again without doing a Changed/Corrected application can cause a 'duplicate' error



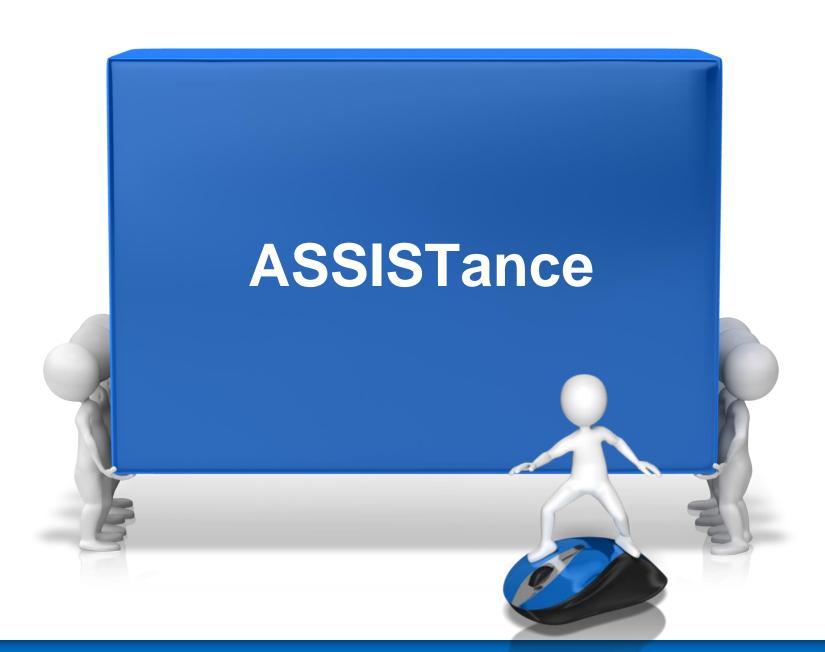


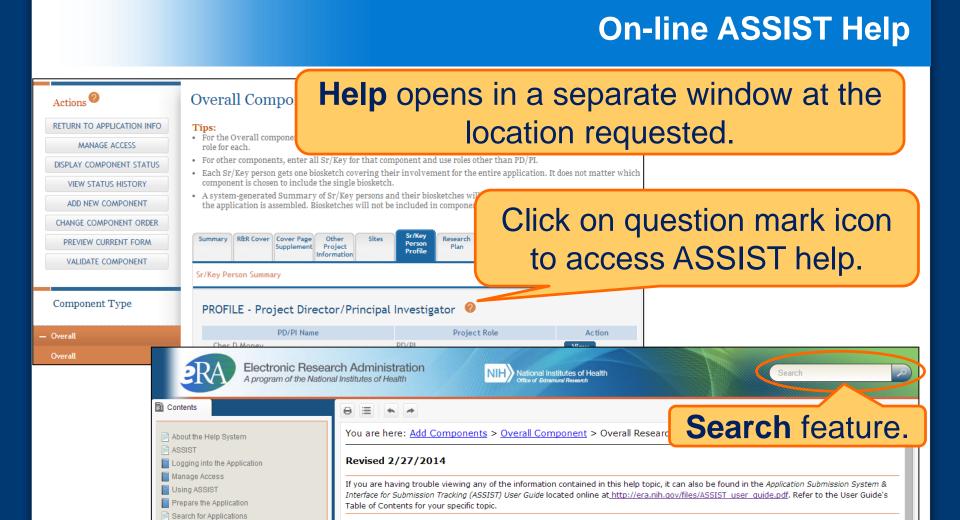
### **Dealing with System Issues**



Applicants should follow NIH's standard 'system issue' procedure if they run into problems beyond their control that threaten their on-time submission:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/support.htm#guidelines





**Help** on form data entry screens provides access to Application Guide for additional guidance on field content information.

For assistance with the information required on the

Senior/Key Person Profile for Overall Component

Add Components

Overall Component

Add Overall Component

#### **Links & Resources**

- ASSIST: <u>public.era.nih.gov/assist</u>
- Online help: <u>era.nih.gov/erahelp/ASSIST/</u>
- Applying Electronically Website for Multi-project Applications:
   grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/com\_index.htm
- Webinar for Applicants: <a href="http://grants.nih.gov/grants/webinar\_docs/webinar\_20130813.htm">http://grants.nih.gov/grants/webinar\_docs/webinar\_20130813.htm</a>
- Annotated form set:
   <u>grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/annotated\_multi-project.pdf</u>





### **Help Desk**

## eRA Commons Help Desk

Web: <a href="http://era.nih.gov/help/">http://era.nih.gov/help/</a>

**Toll-free:** 1-866-504-9552

Phone: 301-402-7469

Hours: Mon-Fri, 7a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

(Except for Federal holidays)



Although we've worked closely with Grants.gov, ASSIST is a system developed and managed by NIH.

The eRA Commons Help Desk should be an applicant's first stop for support.

#### **Feedback**

We welcome continued feedback to help with a smooth transition to e-applications.

Unfortunately, we can't add as many bells and whistles as we might like, but we really want to know what is needed.

Have suggestions? Let us know through the eRA Help Desk web ticketing system

https://public.era.nih.gov/commonshelp

- Choose 'Other' for the 'I need help with question'
- Start your Description with 'ASSIST Feedback'









