First Time Commons Login
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- Open NIH eRA Commons web site: https://commons.era.nih.gov/commons/
- The eRA Commons is available to any user with a Web browser (Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater or Netscape 3.0 or greater) and Internet access. Other Web browsers are also supported, but some functionality may be lost. In all cases, Cookies and JavaScript must be enabled by the browser. (NOTE: The eRA Commons does seem to work best in Internet Explorer.)
- The Commons User types in Username and the temporary Password provided in account creation email from NIH Commons, then clicks on “Login”

Example of Commons Account Creation Email:

NOTE: If a Commons Account Creation email has not been received, the Commons User should contact their Contract & Grant Assistant, Grant Analyst, or, if appropriate, Department Research Associate to have a Commons Account activated.
After logging in for the FIRST time, the Commons User will be prompted to change the temporary password provided in the account creation email.

The new password must contain a minimum of six characters. As a security precaution, NIH recommends a combination of letters and numbers.

Once the password is successfully changed, the Commons User will be taken directly to the Commons.

NOTE: For security purposes, user passwords will expire and must be reset. If a password is about to expire, a "password close to expiration" message is generated when the Commons User logs in. When the password expires, the Commons User is directed to select a new password. No one needs to be notified when a password is changed.