Process for Extramural Investigators to Access Datasets in dbGaP

Are you an extramural principal investigator (e.g., tenure-track investigator, senior investigator, or equivalent)?

Yes

Establish collaboration with qualified investigator to access dbGaP data

No

An NIH eRA Commons account is required for access to dbGaP data. If you do not have an account, please visit the Commons page (https://public.era.nih.gov) and follow the instructions to establish an account

Investigator logs onto the dbGaP Authorized Access page (https://dbgap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/aa/wga.cgi?page=login) and submits an online Data Access Request (DAR) for specific datasets

Completed DARs are forwarded to the designated Institutional Signing Official for approval and co-signature

Signed DARs are automatically forwarded to the appropriate Data Access Committee (DAC) for review

Approved

Investigator downloads data with Aspera Connect software

Disapproved or returned for revision with reason(s) provided to the investigator

Investigator decides to address the issue(s) with a revised request

Steps for the investigator

Administrative actions

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