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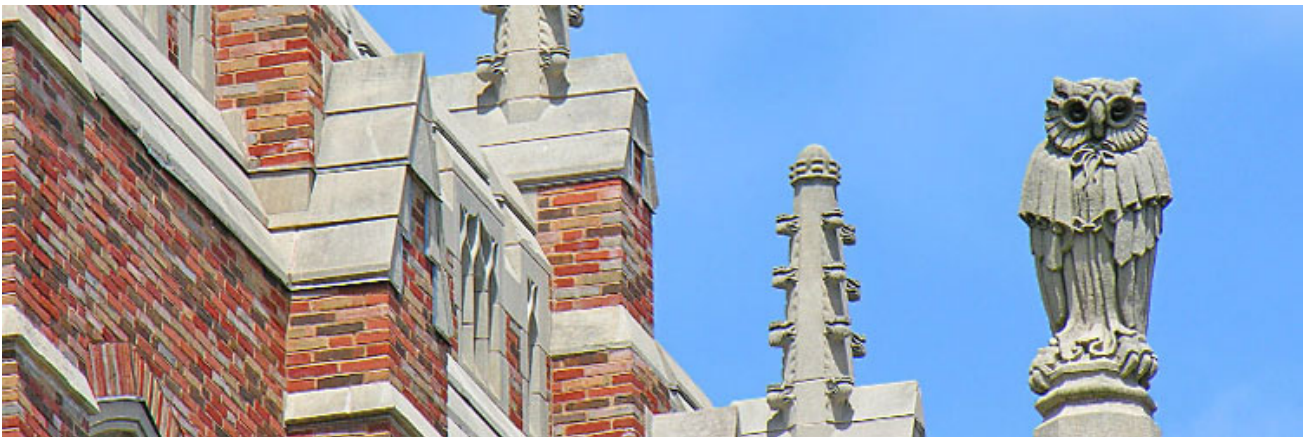
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1. IRES PD, PT, COI - Planned Outage for Application Upgrade

Beginning at **5pm on Thursday August 17, 2023,** IRES-PD, PT and COI will be unavailable due to an application upgrade for standard maintenance. All systems will be available again for use at **7am on Monday August 21,**

2023. Any proposals that are due either Thursday, August 17th or Friday, August 18th must be received by OSP prior to noon on Thursday, August 17th to be reviewed and submitted before the system shuts down at 5pm. Please contact your Proposal Manager with any questions or concerns.

2. Yale University Postdoctoral Compensation Increase

As was communicated via email on May 2nd, 2023, from the Office of the Provost, Yale will raise its postdoctoral compensation for new and continuing appointments. The university will provide a one-time, one-year subsidy in the 2023-2024 academic year for postdoctoral trainees funded by grants or external fellowships to help offset the unexpected cost for individual research budgets.

2023 Compensation Increase: Effective July 1, 2023, the new minimum compensation rate for postdoctoral trainees in years 1-4 will be $65,000. For postdoctoral trainees in years 5-6, the minimum compensation rate will be $68,000. This new minimum scale will apply to all postdoctoral associates and to fellows as permitted by their specific funding arrangements.

In recognition that implementing a new minimum compensation rate that is significantly higher than the anticipated annual increase will have an unexpected budgetary impact for some principal investigators, to help address this challenge, the university will provide a one-time, one-year subsidy in the 2023-2024 academic year for postdoctoral trainees funded by grants or external fellowships to help offset this unexpected cost. The source of funds for this subsidy will be the school, institute, or program of the postdoctoral appointment. The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs has additional information about how the one-time subsidy will be administered and who will be eligible for the subsidy. If you have questions, please contact postdoc.affairs@yale.edu.

For upcoming proposal submissions, please review the budget information in IRES PD and make any necessary adjustments to implement these changes.

3. Important NIH Updates & Reminders

NIH Update to Funding Opportunity Terminology

Notice [NOT-OD-23-109](#), released on April 21, 2023, alerts the research community that effective immediately, NIH will use the term Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to refer to formal announcements of the availability of Federal funding through a financial assistance program. Previously, such announcements were referred to as funding opportunity announcements (FOAs). See the [NIH Grants & Funding Glossary](#) for the full definition.

NIH is currently updating websites, documents, and other resources to reflect the new terminology.

Expiration of COVID-19 Health Emergency

March 1st NIH issued [NOT-OD-23-095](#) to announce that the [HHS declared public health emergency for COVID-19](#) will be terminated on May 11th , 2023. NIH will no longer issue Emergency Notices of Funding Opportunities related to COVID-19. Ongoing emergency awards will not be impacted and will retain all existing emergency flexibilities for the remainder of the current competitive segment.

NIH Post Submission Material Policy Revision

Effective for applications submitted for May 25, 2023 receipt dates and beyond, [NOT-OD-23-106](#) details changes to the allowable post submission materials. One page Preliminary Data updates will only be permissible if

the request for proposal guidelines allows preliminary data in the application. All other materials listed in [NOT-OD-19-083](#) as acceptable materials will continue to be accepted if submitted 30 days before the study section meeting.

As a reminder, when sending Post Submission Materials to your GCAT/OSP for submission, the information should be in a PDF format and the email must include the NIH contact information for where to submit to. Along with the IRES record number, please indicate 'Post Submission Materials' and include the deadline date in the subject line of your email. Please copy your Proposal Manager on this email.

eRA Information: Select Withdrawn NIH Applications Will Display a Grant Number Appended with 'D' in eRA Commons Effective April 26

A new process has gone into effect, April 26, 2023, which will tag a resubmission or renewal application that is withdrawn prior to review with a 'D' in the grant number. The tag will only appear when a subsequent version is submitted.

This will allow NIH staff to assign the original grant number of the withdrawn application to the subsequent version and preserve information related to the withdrawn application in the eRA Commons.

Applicants will see the withdrawn application listed on the *Status Information* screen (also called Grant Folder) with a D% (D1, D2, D3) at the end of the grant number.

[An example is 1R01CA12345-01D1](#). The Status will state 'Application withdrawn.' The *Status Information screen in eRA Commons, displaying a withdrawn application designated with a 'D1' at the end of the grant number*

The applicants will also see the documents and information associated with the withdrawn application. No action is required on their part.

4. Important NSF Updates & Reminders

New Research.gov Account Management Process for Participants Added to NSF Panel, Site Visit, Advisory Committee, Subcommittee, and Committee of Visitors Meetings

NSF issued an announcement regarding the Account Management System in Research.gov. Read the full announcement here.

FastLane Proposal Decommissioning and Upcoming Important System-related Deadlines

NSF recently announced that effective April 24, 2023, they will transition the Subawarding, Transferring or Contracting Out Part of an NSF Award request functionality from FastLane to Research.gov and decommission the request in FastLane. Use this link to read the announcement.