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1. Intro to SPA eLearning Now Live
Introduction to Sponsored Projects Administration (Intro to SPA) is now available as an on-line demand interactive eLearning. Intro to SPA covers essential information for all research administrators.

Please note, SPA is no longer being offered as a live Instructor-Led course via Zoom. It is solely offered as an eLearning. Access Intro to SPA on TMS.

2. OSP Website Updates

Research Terms and Conditions

As part of ongoing updates to the OSP website, the Research Terms and Conditions webpage is being removed. During the March 15th Research Administrators Forum, we asked the audience what resources they may be accessing on this page. If you were visiting the Research Terms and Conditions page to access the Appendix A Prior Approval Matrix, you can instead do so within our Prior Approval Requests pages.

FY2022 Federal Audit Report

The FY22 federal audit report is now available, see Institutional Information.

3. NCURA March Campus Liaison Newsletter

View the March 2023 NCURA Campus Liaison Newsletter with information regarding upcoming NCUR events, resources, and content.

If you have any questions about NCURA, please feel free to reach out to Lisa Mosley at lisa.mosley@yale.edu.
4. Carryover Request added to Financial Status Report (FSR)

SPFA has added a new section to the FSR to indicate a pending carryover request. This went into production on 3/22/2023. As a reminder, if SPFA does not receive the FSR, we will be unaware of any requests.

5. Coming Soon - Redesigned eRA Commons xTrain Module

A newly redesigned xTrain module in eRA Commons is scheduled to be rolled out next Thursday, March 30. The new xTrain, with revamped screens and streamlined processes, is designed to be more user friendly and task oriented. The visual appearance will be similar to other eRA modules.

As a reminder, xTrain is used by program directors/principal investigators (PD/PIs), university administrators, and trainees to electronically prepare and submit PHS 2271 Statement of Appointment Forms and PHS 416-7 Termination Notices associated with institutional research training grants, institutional career development awards, individual fellowships, and research education awards.

The release will accommodate a clarification on signatures for trainees. Read details about this change and a clarification of organizational responsibilities for external users in NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-23-094.

As well, the process for deletion of forms will change with this release. Agency staff will return the form to the organization to delete, instead of deleting the records on their own.

Resources: Please see the xTrain Overview video tutorial. Also look for the xTrain online help (following the March 30 release).
6. Sponsored Projects Training

Visit Yale’s TMS site for course descriptions and registration (VPN required).
*Courses with an asterisk have had recent content edits.

Virtual Instructor-Led Training (vILT)
Spring 2023
- April 4: Financial Reporting and Closeout*
- April 18: IRES Proposal Development (PD)
- May 9: Industry Sponsored Clinical Trial Budgeting
- June 7: Fly America Act & Open Skies Agreement

Fall 2023
- July 11: Financial Reporting and Closeout*
- August 2: Research Compliance Principles*
- September 13: Fly America Act & Open Skies Agreement
- September 14: Principles of Effort: Ask the Expert
- September 26: Industry Sponsored Clinical Trial Budgeting
- October 10: Financial Reporting and Closeout*

On-Demand eLearning via TMS
- Allocating Allowable Costs
- Clinical Trials: Create a Clinical Trial Record in PD
- Cost Transfer Principles
- Direct Charging of F&A Type Costs on Sponsored Awards
- Introduction to Sponsored Projects Administration* (new)
- Principles of Effort
- Export Compliance (CITI Program)
- IRES Proposal Tracking (PT) Overview
- Proposal Development (PD) for NIH RPPRs
- NIH K Award Fundamentals
- Other Support and Third-Party Agreements Library
- Subrecipient Basics and Monitoring
What Research Staff Need to Know About Spending Sponsored Projects Funds

**NCURA Webinars**
View videos of recent National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) webinars by visiting the Sponsored Projects Research Administrator Training webpage.

*New webinar posted:* Agency Day (Recorded 3/7/23)

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7. Careers related to Research Administration

There are currently several job openings related to research administration across Yale. Please feel free to share the below opportunities with eligible candidates. Referral awards of $1,500 - $2,000 are available for eligible staff. Please visit the Employee Referral Program website for details.

**Openings:**

**Compliance Coordinator (79452BR)**
*Conflict of Interest Office*
Under the direction of the Director of the Conflict of Interest Office, and with broad latitude for discretion and independent judgment, the Compliance Coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day activities associated with reviewing financial interests disclosed by faculty and other individuals who are responsible for the design, conduct or reporting of research, and for evaluating such interests in accordance with University policy and federal or other sponsoring agencies’ Conflict of Interest (COI) regulations and/or policies.

**Sponsored Projects Specialist (78622BR)**
*Office of Medical Education - YSM Student Affairs - Student Research*
Under the general direction of the Associate Deans of Student Research, this position will support the Office of Student Research (OSR) mission within the Department of Medical Education. The position works closely with OSR leadership, and both internal and external colleagues to formulate and enact strategic plans related to OSR’s funding sources (NIH T35...
training grants, GA-sponsored stipend funds, and endowments). The position develops, implements, and maintains operational policies and procedures related to these funding sources and manages the related program communications thereof.

**Portfolio & Grant Accountant - BOOST (79511BR)**
YSM - Central Administration Unit
This position is working a remote schedule. We also have hybrid and other flexible work arrangements available. The Portfolio & Grant Accountant, under the direction of the Yale School of Medicine (YSM) Central Administration Unit, will conduct financial analysis in support of YSM departmental needs in the areas of accounting, financial management and reporting with a primary focus on research administration activities that support faculty and staff involved in research projects across YSM, regardless of funding source. Assist YSM business offices and YSM Central, as BOOST (Business Office Operational Support Team) support, with sponsored research administration, accounting, internal controls, clinical, other financial reporting needs, and day-to-day business office functions as assigned, including overseeing the administration of budgeting of research grant funds, ensure compliance with grant special terms and conditions as well as Yale University policies. Assignments could be short or long-term depending on the scope and work priorities and position could be covering multiple departments during the same timeframe. A successful candidate will have demonstrated business office experience, strong organizational skills, effective communication skills, be self-directed and an independent problem solver.

**Portfolio & Grant Analyst - BOOST (79509BR)**
YSM - Central Administration Unit
This position is working a remote schedule. We also have hybrid and other flexible work arrangements available. The Portfolio & Grant Analyst, under the direction of the Yale School of Medicine (YSM) Central Administration Unit, will support the growing YSM research portfolio and financial management of YSM grant research portfolios by providing excellent customer service and help reduce administrative burdens so our researchers can focus on their research. The Portfolio & Grant Analyst will participate in intensive training program, working with a trainer within the Central YSM Finance
Business Office, and learn or enhance their understanding about the YSM organization, Yale policies/procedures, compliance (both Yale and grant sponsor), Yale’s core financial systems (for example Workday), the budget process, procurement, and human resources. At the completion of training, will conduct financial analysis in support of assigned YSM departmental needs in the areas of accounting, financial management, reporting, and assist with the day-to-day business office functions, as assigned, including the proper setup of grants, monitoring expenses, reporting requirements, and completing closeout process. Assignments could be short or long-term depending on scope and work priorities and position could be covering multiple departments during the same timeframe. A successful candidate will have strong organizational skills, effective communication skills, demonstrated time management skills, be self-motivated, have strong attention to detail and accuracy, exhibits and maintains a positive attitude and works will as part of a team.

**Post Award Analyst (79156BR)**

*Sponsored Projects Financial Administration*

The Post Award Analyst provides seasoned experience and service to University departments, as well as, guidance and second tier review of specific tasks to new and less experienced accountants within their respective team.

**Lead Contract Manager (77080BR)**

*Office of Sponsored Projects*

Reporting to one of the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP) Directors, the Lead Contract Manager (CM) provides support to faculty and administrators regarding the review and development of proposals as well as the negotiation, execution and administration of contracts, including research agreements, federal contracts/agreements, confidentiality agreements and material transfer agreements, and liaise with the Awards Team over the negotiation and execution of grant awards from private foundations.

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