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## 1 OSP WEBSITE UPDATED – NO-COST EXTENSIONS

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The OSP [No-Cost Extensions \(NCE\) webpage](#) has recently been updated to include additional information for requesting a second no-cost extension.

For future reference, the [No-Cost Extensions website](#) can be found on the [OSP Award Management > Prior Approval Requests](#) website.

## 2 UPDATES TO THE VA MOU FORM

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The VA MOU Memorandum of Understanding has been reverted to its previous excel format. Significant feedback from our business community indicated that the excel version better suited the business needs of those departments that heavily use this form. Also, to note, the name of the form has been changed to better reflect its intended purpose. The new title is: [Yale University/West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center \("VA"\) Joint Appointment Memorandum of Understanding](#). The form can be found on the OSP web site under Resources > Forms.

## 3 OSP BROWN BAG: WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND Q&A

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Is there an aspect of award management that you find confusing? Do you have questions about an award? Send us your questions and we'll have a SME (subject matter expert) weigh-in at an upcoming meeting. Submit your questions for the October meeting to: [osp.trainings@yale.edu](mailto:osp.trainings@yale.edu).

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## 4 RESEARCH ENTERPRISE DATAMART UPDATE

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### SUMMARY

- Yale has created a common reporting platform to support the reporting needs of Yale's administrative operations
- FY21 work included creation of a new Research Enterprise (RE) Data Mart and the re-issue of key RE reports utilizing Power BI
- FY22 work will include partnering with the RE community to define new reports, and the foundational technical work needed to create reports that blend Finance and RE data

### DETAILS

Yale has developed a new approach to administrative reporting, utilizing standard architecture for data warehouses that can connect to provide standard, shared methods for creating reports using the Power BI platform. This new platform will connect data from core administrative systems and provide users in central, distributed schools, and units with standard, shared tools for reporting and data analysis.

Grant reporting has started the migration to this new reporting platform. During FY21, the RE team developed the RE Data Mart, providing the foundation for current and future reporting needs. Initial reports include new versions of Integrated Research Enterprise Solution (IRES) reports that many of you have run in the past. They can be found here: <https://your.yale.edu/research-support/office-research-administration/research-enterprise-reporting>.

During early FY22, the project team will focus on developing the 'Other Support' report to meet new regulatory guidelines being implemented by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in early 2022. The team is working with members of Business Operations, including Jill Ely and Erlyn Neri, to ensure that this report aligns with the needs of the Business Operations community.

Later in FY22, the project team will work to align IRES data with Workday data to create an integrated data source. The team plans to work with the extended user community to identify reports that will take advantage of the blended report capability to reduce the volume of manual reports created from data extracts. In addition, the project team will continue to build out additional IRES reports.

Stay tuned for future communications on the 'Other Support' report and future reporting initiatives from the Office of Research Enterprise Operations (OREO) team.

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## 5 GUIDANCE FOR IDENTIFYING PHS INVESTIGATORS

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Principal Investigators (PIs) are responsible for appropriately identifying individuals who are responsible for the design, conduct, or reporting of PHS-funded research. The NIH definition of Senior/Key Person and Investigator are closely related. To assist with appropriate identification of investigators as responsible personnel, the COI office has developed an investigator matrix that summarizes titles and roles, and offers guidance to PIs and their departmental grants team.

*Note that this matrix is provided for guidance purposes only; PIs must still make a determination on a case-by-case basis.*

View the [Guide for Identifying PHS Investigators](#).

For future reference, this guide can be found on the [OSP Brown Bag website](#) under the September 9, 2021 listing.

## 6 OSP TRAINING

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### Instructor-Led Training (ILT): Upcoming Classes

View the [OSP Grants and Contract TMS training website](#) for an overview of all OSP classes. Use the links below to view specific course descriptions or to register for a class (VPN required). Registrations close several days prior to class.

- October 4: [Financial Reporting and Closeout](#)
- October 12: [Effort Reporting Principles](#)
- October 18: [Introduction to Sponsored Projects Administration \(SPA\)](#)
- November 16: [Clinical Trial Budgeting](#)
- November 16, 17, 18: [IRES Proposal Development \(PD\)](#)

### Online self-paced learning

The following OSP training courses are available online. If you have any questions after completing the course email [osp.trainings@yale.edu](mailto:osp.trainings@yale.edu) and we will forward your question to the appropriate subject matter expert.

- [Allocating Allowable Costs - Online](#)
- [Clinical Trials: Create a Clinical Trial Record in PD](#)

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- [Cost Transfer Principles - Online](#) - this course is in the process of being updated to reflect recent University policy changes. We'll let you know when this course is back online in an upcoming OSP News & Updates email.
- [Direct Charging of F&A Type Costs on Sponsored Awards - Online](#)
- [Export Compliance \(CITI Program\) - Online](#)
- [IRES Proposal Tracking \(PT\) Overview - Online](#)
- [NIH K Award Fundamentals - Online](#) *New*
- [Subaward Management Overview](#) *New*
- [Subrecipient Basics and Monitoring - Online](#)
- [What Research Staff Need to Know About Spending Sponsored Projects Funds - Online](#)

## NCURA Webinar Videos

View videos of recent NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) webinars by visiting the [OSP Research Administrator Training website](#).

- **Audits: What's Hot**  
This webinar focuses on a recap of the NSF, NIH, NSF Covid audit initiative and other OIG Audit work plans and recent audit results and settlements. An in-depth look at audit issues is provided through a combination of audit trends, a review of Federal audit reports, and a discussion of day-to-day best practices.
- **In-N-Out: Here's What PI Transfers are all About**  
This webinar takes an in-depth look at the PI transfer process and provides you with questions to ask and the things to look out for in order to be prepared to handle a PI that is either coming in or leaving from their institution.
- **Participant Support Costs: An Overview of Dos and Don'ts**  
This webinar will help you understand what participant support costs are and why they are special. Discussions include: the rules and regulations governing participant support costs; how to budget, set up, and manage participant support costs; and audit considerations.

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