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#### 1 Brown Bag for Research Administrators Next Week

The next Brown Bag is taking place **Thursday**, August 4\(^{th}\), from 11:00 AM – 12:10 PM via Zoom.

#### 2 NSF Research.gov Registrations/Account Affiliations

When PIs register for a new NSF Research.gov account or request to affiliate their existing Research.gov account with Yale, as depicted in the screenshot below, please have the PI select the 2\(^{nd}\) profile, where YALE UNIVERSITY appears in all caps and Tracy Coston is listed as the Organization Contact. Once the registration is complete/role requested, an automated email will be sent to Tracy Coston (Administrator) to approve the request. Note, if the first radio button is selected, an error message will appear indicating that the Organization has no Administrator.
3  **ERA UPDATE: ABILITY FOR USERS TO CONSOLIDATE MULTIPLE COMMONS ACCOUNTS COMING IN EARLY 2023**

In the fall of 2021, the NIH had asked eRA Commons users with multiple eRA Commons accounts to hold off on moving to two-factor authentication while using eRA Commons and/or ASSIST until they had a solution in hand. The proposed solution, to consolidate those accounts and provide users with the ability to maintain one eRA Commons account going forward, is expected to be available in **early 2023**.

With the solution, users will be able to consolidate their multiple accounts into a single eRA account that contains all their organization affiliations and roles. Most importantly, once users complete the consolidation process, they will be able to associate their Login.gov or InCommon Federated account (*the ability of an organization to use its own credentials provided it supports NIH’s two-factor authentication standards*) with one eRA account to support all their authentication needs.

As a reminder, those with one administrative account in eRA Commons need not wait for this solution and can go ahead now and set up and start using two-factor authentication.

Examples of users with multiple accounts are a person with two separate administrative accounts, a person with a signing official and principal investigator accounts (typically small business applicants) or a person with principal investigator and assistant accounts.

If you have two administrative accounts, you should hold off on moving to two-factor authentication for those accounts. However, if your multiple accounts fall within the other examples, you could move your principal investigator account to two-factor authentication now and hold off on using two-factor authentication for your other account.

**Other reminders**

- All principal investigators (PIs) and key personnel associated with an application or Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) are required to transition to the use of two-factor authentication 45 days after the submission of their competing grant application (Type 1 or 2) or their RPPR.
  - After 45 days of this triggering event, these users will not be able to access eRA modules until they set up and use a two-factor authentication service provider - Login.gov and/or an InCommon Federated account (that supports NIH’s two-factor authentication standards).
Note: PIs and key personnel do not have to wait for the 45-day trigger after submitting an application or RPPR to start using two-factor authentication.

- The transition for reviewers to use two-factor authentication when using the Internet Assisted Review (IAR) module is ongoing and unchanged. Reviewers will continue to be required to use two-factor authentication as soon as they are enabled for a review meeting. Most reviewers have transitioned already.

Resources

- Use Login.gov With eRA Modules
- Access eRA Modules via an InCommon Federated Account
- 2FA flyer (detailed steps and screenshots for the initial set up using Login.gov)
- Video tutorials

4 COMING SOON: NEW CATEGORIZATION IN TMS FOR SPONSOR PROJECTS TRAINING

As a reminder, starting next month, sponsored projects trainings in TMS will no longer be titled “Grant and Contract Training.” The new title is “Sponsored Project Training”.

5 SPONSORED PROJECTS TRAINING

Visit the Sponsored Projects Training Management System (TMS) for a description all sponsored projects classes or to register for a class (VPN required).

Instructor-Led Training (ILT): Upcoming Classes

All instructor-led classes are currently held via Zoom. Zoom links and class handouts are emailed to registered students prior to class. Registrations for instructor-led classes close several days prior to class to allow time for class setup.

- August 9: IRES Proposal Development (PD)
- August 23: Intro to Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)
- August 30: Clinical Trial Budgeting
- September 14: Financial Reporting and Closeout
- September 21: Research Compliance Principles for Administrators
- September 27: IRES Proposal Development (PD)
- October 17: Intro to Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)
• November 15: IRES Proposal Development (PD)
• December 7: Clinical Trial Budgeting
• December 12: Intro to Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)
• December 14: Financial Reporting and Closeout

**On-Demand Online Learning**

The following sponsored projects courses are available on-demand online. If you have any questions about the course content email osp.trainings@yale.edu and we will forward your question to the appropriate Subject Matter Expert (SME).

• Allocating Allowable Costs - Online
• Clinical Trials: Create a Clinical Trial Record in PD - Online
• Cost Transfer Principles - Online
• Direct Charging of F&A Type Costs on Sponsored Awards - Online
• Effort Reporting Principles – Online
• Export Compliance (CITI Program) - Online
• IRES Proposal Tracking (PT) Overview - Online
• NIH K Award Fundamentals - Online
• Other Support and Third-Party Agreements Library - Online
• 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 webpage](#).

• **Agency Updates with OMB, NSF and NIH**
  This session is comprised of three sections: 1) OMB Update, 2) NSF Update, 3) NIH Update. Discussions will include new developments related to proposal and award policy; a comprehensive review of recent policy changes; a review of major updates to NSR’s proposal system modernization efforts; NIH’s budget priorities; compliance requirements and more!

• **Audits: What’s Hot**
  This webinar provides 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.
• **Cost Share: Tackling the Challenges**
  This webinar discusses how cost share challenges are tackled throughout the life of the project. Case studies are used to demonstrate how to proactively manage cost share.

• **Guidance on the Preparation of NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPRs) with COVID-19 Impacts and Other Support**
  The NIH issued guidance regarding the preparation of Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs) and the reporting of effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on research projects and revised their definition of Other Support. This session will review who must report, when to report, what to report and how to report.

• **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.

• **NCURA Webinar: ORCID and the OSTP Guidance on NSPM-33**
  In January of 2022, OSTP issued NSPM-33 implementation guidance for federal agencies. The guidance refers to the use of DPIs, or Digital Persistent Identifiers. This session is an educational session on DPIs – what they are, how they work, and how they can be an important part of a researcher’s workflow. This session covers information about ORCID as currently the only DPI that meets the requirements listed in the OSTP guidance.

• **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.

• **Work Smarter, Not Harder: The Tools, Methods and Technology to Increase Productivity!**
  This webinar will review the history and theory of “Work Smarter Not Harder” through examination of related research administration case studies; discuss methods of organizing work to be more effective, efficient, and productive; and review tools and tricks that increase productivity and save time.

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