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### 1 eRA Alert: Performance Sites of Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Require UEI Effective June 23

As of April 4, 2022, the unique entity identifier (UEI) replaced the Dun & Bradstreet (DUNS) number as the official identifier required for an organization/institution to apply for and receive federal funding from NIH and other federal agencies. (See NIH Guide Notice [NOT-OD-21-170](#).) The UEI, a 12-character alpha numeric identifier, is issued as part of the [System for Award Management (SAM)](#) registration process.

As communicated in [NOT-OD-22-130](#), the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Module in eRA Commons is moving to the new visual appearance being adopted by other eRA modules, as a result of a required technology upgrade. The refreshed screens will be rolled out on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

All screens are being transitioned to the new look. The release includes the addition of the new UEI fields where applicable and required FORMS-G changes, including updated budget forms (see appended message).

The RPPR Section G.8 Project/Performance Sites will no longer have a DUNS number field and will require a UEI instead of a DUNS number. This change will be effective on June 23.
If you are currently working on an RPPR with performance sites, please obtain the UEIs of the performance sites. Performance sites that do not have a UEI can obtain one through [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov).

**Resources:**

- [DUNS to Unique Entity ID (SAM) Transition](https://www.sam.gov)
- [Reminder: Unique Entity ID (UEI) Required Starting January 2022](https://www.sam.gov)

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**2  Correction to Stipend Levels for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2022**


Training Related Expenses and Institutional Allowances for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees and fellows reflect a moderate increase and the Tuition and Fees for all educational levels remains unchanged from the prior budget year. The full range of stipend adjustments for FY2022 is described in [NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-22-132](https://www.od.nih.gov).

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**3  NCURA Webinar: International Diversity and Cultural Norms and Cultural Intelligence Training**

This NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) session reviews international diversity that US-based research administrators will interact with when working internationally. The cultural intelligence and inclusion training will educate attendees with the foundation knowledge, skills, and mindsets required to work effectively with culturally diverse stakeholders and to foster culturally inclusive work settings.

*View this webinar on YouTube* (1 hour 7 minutes)

*View presentation slides and additional DEI* articles and webinars* (It’s likely you’ll need to [create a free NCURA account](https://www.ncura.org) to view this website; you must use your yale.edu email to create your NCURA account).  * DEI – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
4 OSP TRAINING

Visit the [OSP Grants and Contract TMS training website](#) for a description all OSP classes or to register for a class *(VPN required)*.

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

Until further notice, all instructor-led classes will be 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.

- June 8: IRES Proposal Development (PD)
- June 22: Effort Reporting Principles
- June 27: Introduction to Sponsored Projects Administration
- July 28: Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreement
- To be scheduled soon: Research Compliance Principles for Administrators
- To be scheduled soon: Financial Reporting and Closeout

**Online Self-paced Learning**

The following OSP training courses are available online. If after completing the course, you have any questions about the course content 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 - 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 website](#).

- **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.

- **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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