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1 GATES FUNDING – A MEMO FOR YALE INVESTIGATORS

Many of you are interested in obtaining support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to engage in important research and programming, especially in the health sector. We certainly encourage your pursuit of these opportunities and want to make sure you are aware that the recently added Humanitarian License requirement in all BMGF awards will require an additional review at either the time of proposal or the time of award. This license may be problematic for some projects in which background IP is utilized, or there is a likelihood that new IP will be developed as this license is quite broad and could impact other researchers and their IP rights beyond the PI and the funded project. In some cases, the award may require Yale to license for use in humans without indemnification by BMFG to protect the university.

We recognize the importance and value of the BMGF in our international work and certainly do not want to dissuade faculty from continuing to pursue these opportunities. In order to support these pursuits, OSP has developed a process in partnership with OGC and OCR to review each BMFG award on a case by case basis to determine if the license is relevant to the project and, if it is, whether Yale can accept the award. We hope you understand the need to carefully evaluate this new condition in each context in order to fully evaluate any potential impact on the university. Several faculty have already participated in this review and had their awards accepted.

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2 AWARD BUDGET SET-UP FORM ROLL-OUT

After a successful pilot from April – July, we are moving forward with a university wide roll-out of the Award Budget Set-up (ABS) form. As a reminder, the ABS form contains information that is needed for award set-up and combines it into one form vs. multiple (Webform, PPG, etc.). The new form will be uploaded into IRES by the departments. This new process enables departments to upload and download the ABS form into the related IRES record. It eliminates the need to ‘save a copy’ in the department so they don’t have to re-key standard data with every award set up request as they did with the Workday Webform.

For users that do not have access to IRES, you can request access by completing the [IRES Departmental User Access Request form](#). Please note requests need to be submitted by lead administrators. The [new ABS form and instructions for uploading into IRES](#) are available on the OSP website – under Resources, OSP Forms. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Ellis at amy.ellis@yale.edu or 7-4264. This new process will also be reviewed at the next OSP Brown Bag on January 16, 2020. Departments can start using the ABS form as soon as they’d like – please note the Webform will be retired in January 2020.

3 DATA MANAGEMENT RESOURCES AT YALE LIBRARY

Creating a data management plan (DMP) and finding a repository for research data can be challenging to researchers.

A growing number of grant funders and foundations are requiring a data management plan as part of their proposal process. Some will provide a template, but others may just list out what the plan should include. The [DMP tool](#) is a great resource to provide guidance on specific funder requirements as well as populating the data management plan. Through a series of tabs and step-by-step instructions, the DMP Tool will create a downloadable plan that can be shared with co-authors and revised.

Another challenge researchers face both during and at the end of their research projects is finding a [suitable repository](#) for their data. Yale is now an institutional member of [Dryad](#). With Yale’s membership researchers from any discipline across campus can deposit their data free of charge. Dryad is an open-source, research data curation and publication platform that make publishing data simple.

Dryad curates and preserves the data, applying advanced metadata and regularly refreshing and migrating the data to updated versions of its platform. The repository is approved for [low-risk data](#) in any discipline and fulfills government requirements for management of federally funded research data.

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Yale Library data librarians are available for questions and consultations about data management. Email researchdata@yale.edu with questions and recommendations about specific research needs.

For more information, see the [data management guide](#) for general help or for more health science specific guidance, check out the [research data management guide for the health sciences](#).

4 OSP STAFF UPDATES

4.1 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

We are happy to announce that **Celeste McBride** joined the Financial Reporting Group as an Accountant III on November 18. Celeste has years of experience external to Yale and we are thrilled to have her join the team.

5 OSP TRAINING

5.1 UPCOMING OSP CLASSES

OSP classes are designed for Research Administrators and those in DBOs (department business offices) who manage sponsored projects. Attend a class to learn more about the issues you deal with in your office or take a refresher to stay up-to-date. [Register to attend](#) an OSP training class.

[Financial Reporting and Closeout](#): This course is designed for administrators responsible for the financial reporting and closeout of sponsored awards including:

- The roles and responsibilities of those involved in financial reporting and closeout
- Policies and procedures related to these functions
- University processes supporting sponsor requirements
- The closeout process cycle
- The steps necessary to properly close sponsored awards

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