NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR SPONSORS


Effective for applications submitted on or after January 2, 2016, investigators with substantial, long-term, unrestricted research support may generally hold no more than one NIGMS research grant. For the purposes of the NIGMS guidelines, investigators with substantial, long-term, unrestricted support ("unrestricted investigators") is defined as having at least $400,000 in unrestricted support (direct costs per year excluding the principal investigator’s salary and direct support of widely shared institutional resources, such as NMR facilities) that extends at least 2 years beyond the onset of funding the NIGMS grant. Please review the new NIGMS Guidelines to determine whether or not there could be a potential impact on your funding.

As in all cases, if NIGMS funding of a grant to an investigator with substantial, long-term, unrestricted support would result in total direct costs from all sources exceeding $750,000, National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council approval would be required through the standard process.

Extension of NIH eRA Commons User IDs to Individuals in Graduate and Undergraduate Student Project Roles

- Pursuant to NOT-OD-13-097, beginning in October 2014 RPPRs lacking the eRA Commons ID for postdoctoral researchers, graduate and undergraduate students who participate in NIH-funded projects for at least one person month or more will not be accepted by the NIH. Requests for a Commons ID for those roles should be sent by the business office to the appropriate GCAT mailbox and include the name of the individual, the individual's role, their net id, and Yale email address.
- Administrators should begin working with the individuals in those and other roles to establish eRA Commons accounts and to populate their profiles well in advance of RPPR submission deadlines. In cases where the NIH will not accept the RPPR due to non-compliance with the policy, the individual should be removed from Section D Participants in the RPPR.

Note: For NRSA Fellows and Trainees these new eRA Commons roles should NOT be used for individuals submitting Individual NRSA Fellowship applications. The PD/PI role will continue to be used for those submissions. These roles also should not be used for individuals being reported in xTrain or on a Statement of Appointment Form (PHS2271); the Trainee Role must be used for that reporting requirement.

NIH/AHRQ Biosketches Effective 5/25/15

- The new NIH/AHRQ biosketch format must be used for applications submitted for all due dates on or after May 25, 2015. For additional information, please visit the following url: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-085.html

FAQs on NSF's Implementation of OMB's Uniform Guidance

- NSF issued FAQs on the implementation of 2 CFR § 200.75, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). These FAQs will be updated periodically.

NSF/Research.gov Update

- Beginning April 24, 2015, NSF will transition notifications and requests from FastLane to Research.gov. This will allow awardees to create and submit the following three new budget-related requests on Research.gov:
salaries of administrative or clerical staff,
travel costs for dependents, and
Additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR § 200.75.
• All other existing notifications and requests will continue to reside in FastLane and will be migrated in the future. For more information, see notifications and requests informational page.

NSF/Important Update Regarding Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals
• Beginning April 24, 2015, NSF proposals submitted in response to Program Solicitations in FastLane will go through a series of automated proposal compliance validation checks in accordance with the Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (Chapter II.C.2. of the Grants Proposal Guide (GPG)).
• The checks will be generated when the proposer selects any of the following functions within FastLane:
  o Check Proposal
  o Forward to SPO
  o Submit Proposal
• If a proposal is found to be non-compliant, a warning or error message will be displayed and the proposal will not be able to be submitted until it is found to be compliant.
• Note: Proposals submitted to NSF via Grants.gov will not undergo these automated checks. Click here, for more information regarding all compliance checks.

DOE (PAMS) System Upgrade
• As a reminder, effective January 31, 2015, the Department of Energy's Office of Science upgraded its Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) with new functionality impacting post award administration for grants, cooperative agreements, and interagency agreements.
• Yale’s authorized representative will be required to submit the following actions via PAMS:
  o No-cost extension (NCE) requests
  o Principal Investigator (PI) changes
  o PI departure notifications
• PAMS contact information: Helpdesk: (855)818-1846 or Email sc.parrs-helpdesk@science.doe

GCA PROPOSAL UPDATES

Early Submission to GCA
• As a reminder, the GCA Proposal Team experiences a high volume of proposal reviews and submissions throughout the year, not just during the six major NIH deadlines. Please be aware of these other non-NIH deadlines and submit your proposals to GCA as early as possible to avoid submission delays or the ability to fix any submission issues that may arise.

PD Updates

SF424 Enrollment Table
• On February 19th, PD was updated to fix the Enrollment table issue. As a result, amounts greater than 999 in each category of the enrollment table for system-to-system submissions can be entered.

Appointment Tab in PD
The appointment tabs in PD have been refreshed and should correctly indicate whether an individual has a 9-month or 12-month appointment. As a result, salary calculations in PD can be accomplished when utilizing the appointment tab.

9-Digit Zip Codes
- Since the eRA Commons update in January 2015, Yale has been receiving e-submission errors for personnel and performance sites that do not utilize the required 9-digit zip code. Please make sure all addresses contain the 9-digit zip code. If you are unsure of the 4-digit extension, please enter 4 zeroes (0000).
- Note that a system fix was applied for all Yale employees. We are working with the vendor for a validation fix for subrecipients, performance sites, and external personnel.

Changing Personnel from Key to Non-Key or Vice Versa
- On occasion, individuals originally listed as Key Personnel in an application are changed to Non-Key during proposal creation. Though this type of change is reflected correctly in PD, it will not appear correctly in the budget forms of the assembled proposal document. We are working with the vendor to develop a fix for this issue. In the meantime, if an individual changes from Key to Non-Key or vice versa, please delete their name, re-add their name, and appropriately indicate in PD their status.

Advisor Approval of a Graduate Student
- Approval of a graduate student in a proposal when the PI is not the advisor of the graduate student, should be documented as follows:
  - The Business Office should email the graduate student’s Faculty Advisor and request their approval of effort; and
  - The email request and the approval of the Faculty Advisor should be uploaded into the Internal Documents tab in PD and labeled “Corres_Grad Student Approval”.
Note: Approval in the PD route will not be required of the Faculty Advisor when the above steps are taken.

Updated Forms
Subrecipient Information Compliance (SIC) Form
- The SIC form was updated on January 14, 2015. Please be sure to send the correct form to all potential subrecipients. The form is located at the following url: http://policy.yale.edu/sites/default/files/subrecipient_information_and_compliance_form_0.pdf

PI Status Form
- On March 10, 2015, the PI Status Request form was updated. The revised form requires the dates of completion of the various compliance requirements. To access the form please click on the following url: http://policy.yale.edu/sites/default/files/form_1310_fr_04_pi_status_request.pdf

Updated Regulatory Form and TranSum: Genomic Data Sharing
- In order to monitor Yale’s compliance with NIH’s Genomic Data Sharing requirements, PD’s regulatory form and the TranSum have been modified.
- For additional information regarding NIH’s expectations related to Genomic Data Sharing, please review the following NIH Notice dated January 25, 2015 located at, http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-027.html

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