NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution

According to NIH Notice NOT-OD-15-001 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-001.html) issued on October 1, 2014, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is currently operating under a continuing resolution. All Type 5 Non-Competing Continuation awards will be issued at an amount of up to 90% of the previously committed level indicated in the NOA. **NIH expects institutions to monitor expenditures carefully during this period.** Additional funding considerations for these awards will take place after the FY 2015 appropriations have been passed. The salary cap limitation remains at the Executive Level II. Please contact your GCA Award Manager with any questions regarding this notice.

Update: Individual Development Plans (IDPs) in NIH Annual Progress Reports

This update provides additional information regarding grantees’ requirement to address IDPs in NIH Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR). (See August 28, 2014 G&CAlert.)

On October 2, 2014, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs sent a communication to Lead Administrators and Operations Managers regarding Yale’s support of IDPs. The communication also included the institutional statements which should be included in Section B. Accomplishments, Question B.4 of the RPPR:

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS & ASSOCIATES (independent of funding source)**
“All postdoctoral trainees at Yale University are required to create an individual development plan and to provide annual progress reports for review by, and discussion with, the faculty mentor. Progress reports are then submitted to the Yale Office of Postdoctoral Affairs as a condition of the trainee’s reappointment by this Office.” Questions about the practices and procedures communicated on October 2, 2014 can be directed to either John Alvaro or the Graduate School.

In addition, the following language may be used to address the treatment of IDPs as they relate to GRADUATE STUDENTS:
“All graduate students in the Combined Program in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences as well as all other graduate students supported by an NIH award at Yale University are required to create an individual development plan. Students provide updates on their IDP activities as a part of their annual thesis committee meetings, and documentation is retained by the students’ graduate programs.”

Questions regarding the completion of RPPRs can be directed to the Office of Grant and Contract Administration.
CT Innovations Notifies Awardees of Delay in Start Date for 2014 Stem Cell Awards

In a recent email from CT Innovations, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer Jeremy Crisp notified award recipients that assistance agreements for the 2014 CT Regenerative Medicine Research Fund (RMRF) program (formerly known as CT Stem Cell Research Fund) will be issued with a late start date of January 1, 2015. This delay in start date is much later than the usual November 1 start date. As a reminder, pre-award spending is not allowed. The Office of Grant and Contract Administration (GCA) will modify any existing at-risk accounts that were setup with anticipated start dates of November 1, 2014 to begin on January 1, 2015.

Should you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact Tracy Coston at 203-785-6033 or tracy.coston@yale.edu.

A New IRES Webform for Adding Sponsors

In the event a proposal is being developed and submitted to a sponsor that does not exist in IRES, please follow the steps below to initiate a request to add the new sponsor:

- Launch the following URL to access the new webform: http://grants.yale.edu/new-sponsor-request-ires
- Complete the webform
- Click on the ‘Submit’ button at the bottom of the webform to submit the request to GCA.

The new webform takes a few minutes to complete and contains the relevant information GCA needs before a new sponsor can be added to IRES. GCA realizes that these requests can be time sensitive and therefore, GCA will do its best to add the new sponsor within 24 hours of receipt of the webform.

Note: If a sponsor legally changes its name, the IRES record must be updated. To notify GCA of a sponsor name change, please email your GCAT.

In addition, continue to send email requests (do not complete the new webform) to IRES@yale.edu if the Yale proposal contains an outgoing subrecipient site that needs to be added in IRES.

Direct all inquiries or concerns regarding the status of new sponsor request to your GCAT email address and copy tracy.coston@yale.edu.