The NSF’s Policy Office in the Division of Institution and Award Support, has revised and posted its PAPPG. This revised PAPPG is effective for all proposals submitted and awards made (including incremental funding to existing awards) on or after December 26, 2014.

The revised PAPPG incorporates NSF’s implementation of 2 CFR Part 200 (Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Circular A-81, commonly referred to as Uniform Guidance). The changes to both sections of the PAPPG (the Grant Proposal and Award Administration Guides) impact both proposal development and award management. All NSF PIs and departmental administrators who support NSF proposals and awards should review the significant changes to the PAPPG. To assist in better understanding these changes, the Office of Grant and Contract Administration (GCA) will host the following Brown Bag:

**NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG): Significant Changes and Clarifications**

Date and Time: January 15, 2015
Time: 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Location: Sterling Chemistry Laboratory (225 Prospect Street), Room 111

To register for this Brown Bag, click [here](#).

Please direct any questions regarding the significant changes and clarifications to the PAPPG to your appropriate GCA representative.

According to NOT-OD-15-032 all grant applications for due dates on or after May 25, 2015 will require use of a new biosketch format. Between now and May 25th, applicants will have the choice of using the old or new format.

The following are highlights of changes:

- Page limitation is not to exceed 5 pages.
- Section C: Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications has been replaced by Contribution to Science

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In this section researchers can describe up to five of the investigator’s most significant contributions to science including historical background, central findings, influence of the findings, the investigators specific role and publications and/or products.

- The form page is updated to remove headers and footers and includes updates to the Name, Title, eRA Commons ID and Education/Training table about the researcher.

In addition, the Notice describes the use of the Science Experts Network (SciENcv) as a tool that pulls information from available resources making it easy to develop a repository of information that can be readily updated and modified to prepare biosketches for multiple federal agencies. This tool will be updated and available within a few weeks to support the new format.

**New Procedure and Form for Requesting Residual Balance Transfers on Certain Sponsored Awards**

A new procedure and form are now available for requesting the transfer of a residual balance on certain sponsored awards. The new procedure 1301 PR.05 Residual Balance Fund Transfers provides an outline of the steps necessary for the transfer of a residual balance for fixed price, fee-for-service, fixed fee, and clinical trial awards. The new form 1301 FR.01 Request to Transfer Residual Balance from Sponsored Awards provides the mechanism for requesting a residual balance transfer, which must be completed in order for the review and approval of the residual balance to occur.

The Office of Grant and Contract Financial Administration (GCFA), has performed a similar review in the past and, will continue to perform a review of residual balance requests for sponsored awards that are submitted on the new form. **The YSM Finance Office will be providing the review of residual balance requests for Clinical Trial (44’s) and W type awards.**

**An important** aspect of the procedure includes the assessment of Finance and Administration (F&A) costs on a residual balance prior to its transfer. Once a transfer is approved, **if the F&A on the award was negotiated at less than the published F&A rate allowed by the sponsor, and has a remaining balance greater than 25%, the residual funds will be retroactively adjusted to reflect a full F&A recovery with the benefitted credit adjustment provided to the corresponding Medical School or Provost PTAEO.** Any remaining balance, less F&A portion recovered, will then be transferred to the PTAEO provided by the PI/Department and the award will be closed.

Please review the new procedure and form for a complete explanation of what is required for the review and approval of residual balances on sponsored awards. For questions regarding this article, please contact your GCFA or YSM finance account representative.