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1 NHLBI NEW SALARY CAP FOR MENTORED CAREER (K) AWARDS

On December 17, 2015, the NIH issued Notice NOT-OD-16-032 which announced the increase in cost allowances for K08 and K23 awards and raised their contribution toward the Awardee’s salary to $100,000. This Notice also indicated that many NIH Institutes and Centers already contribute salary at this level or higher. This policy applies to new (Type 1) and all continuation (Type 5) applications submitted for FY2017 funding.

Effective immediately, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) has announced that it will implement this increase in the salary cap for all applicable K-series award activities that NHLBI supports - K01, K02, K08, K12, K22, K23, K25, and K99 recipients. It affects all new (Type 1) and non-competing (Type 5) awards funded in FY2016 and thereafter. Calculation of NHLBI’s salary contribution is based on the institutional base salary (IBS) for the individual at the requested effort, up to the $100,000 salary cap.

Note: If the IBS at the requested effort exceeds $100,000, the salary is over the cap and should be entered in IRES Proposal Development as cost sharing (although a cost share form is not required).

We strongly encourage you to read the NIH Health Guide Notice, NOT-NH-16-309 http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HL-16-309.html announcing this new policy change. The notice also provides specific examples on how the salary contribution of up to $100,000 for 75% effort may be calculated.

Implementation of the increased salary cap:

For competing (Type 1) applications not yet funded:

- Before awarding any new K applications, at Just-In-Time, NIH will allow organizations to submit revised budgets requesting higher salary rates using the SF-424 budget pages for current and future years.
For non-competing (Type 5) applications not yet funded:

- If already submitted in eRA Commons, applicants will have the opportunity to submit revised budgets requesting higher salary rates using the SF-424 budget pages for current and future years. Revised budget requests must be sent to the grants management specialist at NIH from your OSP Award Manager.
- For non-competing applications that have not yet been submitted in eRA Commons, applicants can upload the revised budget pages along with the RPPR submission.

Please contact your OSP representative with any questions.