Sponsored Programs Administrators Meeting

June 15, 2021
AGENDA

• Staff Introductions
• Fringe Benefits
• NSF publications repository changes
• New NIH inbox for biographical sketch and other support questions
• Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement
• eRA Commons expanding requirements for IDs
• What’s an application packet and when is it needed
• Proposal Submission 9:00 am Due Date
Tracy Bourassa has been in research administration for over 15 years, having held both departmental and central office leadership roles at several institutions. She has held signatory authority at three institutions.

She has successfully led or been part of various institutional initiatives including organizational wide training program development and roll out and enterprise system implementations.
Fringe Benefits

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FY23 – FY26 rates shown are projected estimates for budgeting purposes only.

FY26 rates should remain flat for FY26 and later for budgeting purposes only.
The National Science Foundation (NSF) added functionality to enable Principal Investigators (PIs) to remove publications both from the NSF Public Access Repository (NSF-PAR) and from in-progress project reports in the Research.gov Project Reporting System without assistance from the NSF Help Desk. Streamlining this process helps to reduce administrative burden for both PIs and NSF staff and improves NSF-PAR and project report data quality. There are no changes to NSF’s Public Access policy or project reporting requirements.

NIH has created a central email inbox for inquiries related to changes to the biographical sketch and other support templates in response to the high volume of inquiries received.

Effective as of May 18, 2021, please send inquiries related to changes to the biographical sketch and other support templates to nihosbiosketch@nih.gov.

NIH encourages the research community to review the currently available resources related to this effort:
Updated Biosketch resources, including FAQs and sample Biosketch format pages can be found here.
Updated Other Support resources, including FAQs and sample Other Support format pages can be found here.

Additional resources, including training videos and other materials will be posted on the pages above as they become available.
NIH Revised Grants Policy Statement

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces publication of the revised NIH Grants Policy Statement (NIHGPS, rev. April 2021). The NIHGPS provides both up-to-date policy guidance that serves as NIH standard terms and conditions of award for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements, and extensive guidance to those who are interested in pursuing NIH grants.

This revision is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2020. This revision supersedes, in its entirety, the NIHGPS dated December 2019. Previous versions of the NIHGPS remain applicable as standard terms and conditions of award for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began prior to October 1, 2020.

This revision incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies, and implements changes in statutes, regulations, and policies that have been implemented through appropriate legal and/or policy processes since the previous version of the NIHGPS dated December 2019.
Targeting due dates on or after January 25, 2022, NIH, AHRQ, FDA, and ORD/VA will require all individuals listed on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Form to have an eRA Commons username (Commons ID).

Extension of the existing eRA Commons ID requirement to include all senior/key personnel will facilitate better data collection for individuals contributing to federally funded research as well as assist in disambiguating data on applications and facilitating the identification of conflicts of interest in peer review.

Resources
Understanding eRA Commons Accounts
eRA Register/Accounts webpage
How to Get a User ID for eRA Commons (Video)
What’s an application packet and when is it needed?

• If you enter (or are required to enter) components of your proposal into the sponsor’s electronic system, whatever you’ve entered constitutes the application packet. Send it as a PDF with your proposal submission.
• If you have not entered or are not required to enter) any components into the sponsor’s electronic system, or if the sponsor does not have an electronic system, then your submission does not have an application packet.
Reminder: The Administrative Review and Approval of Proposals for External Support policy (aka the proposal submission due date policy or the 5-day policy) requires a minimum of 5 business days prior to the sponsor due date.

- To meet this requirement, proposals must be received by 9:00 am on day 5. Proposals received after 9:00 am do not allow for a full business day.
UPCOMING MEETINGS

All SPA meetings will be held at 10:30 pm and will be online until further notice.

Summer schedule will be online and emailed once set.