Sponsored Program Administrators Meeting
December 16, 2020
AGENDA

• Foreign Influence – Wesley Byerly
• OCTR Manager Change
• January Federal Costing Principles Module
• SPA Meeting Calendar Request
• ERA Commons Update
• Proposal Submission Policy
FOREIGN INFLUENCE

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Effective January 1, 2021

- Ella Sun will oversee the Office of Clinical and Translational Research (OCTR) team
- Contact Ella if you or your study coordinators have any questions/suggestions/feedback for the team

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BRENDA’S UPDATES

Federal Costing Principles Interactive Training
Farmington - January 12, 2021 8:30 am to 11:30 am
• REGISTRATION INFORMATION will be sent out via email later this month

SPA Calendar Requests
• SPA Information (agenda and log on link) is sent out via email
• Calendar requests are only sent to those who request them
  • You only need to submit one request to receive it each month (I keep an email group)
A new login method is rolling out for all users of eRA Commons, ASSIST, Internet Assisted Review (IAR) and Commons Mobile in 2021.

This secure two-factor authentication allows you to log into multiple systems using the same login.gov credentials while enhancing the security and integrity of access to data in eRA systems.

The new secure two-factor authentication (2FA) login method involves users creating an account at login.gov, a centralized government portal, and associating their eRA Commons or ASSIST account with it. Users only need to do this association one time.
This requirement will be phased in first for reviewers, meeting by meeting, starting with review meetings effective February 1, 2021 and beyond. As reviewers are enabled for meetings, their IAR accounts will be transitioned to require login.gov.

Users of eRA Commons, Commons Mobile and ASSIST can switch any time to the new option; they are encouraged to begin the switchover to login.gov now, before the mandatory deadline of September 15, 2021 for all users.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION POLICY

• Full proposal required by SPS Pre-Award 5 business days before sponsor deadline
  • Policy is not followed (two-thirds of proposals received in full less than 1 business day before sponsor deadline)
  • Last minute proposals are often prioritized over those submitted 5 days in advance
  • Creates bottleneck, inadequate time for review, proposal rejection by sponsor, late submissions, staffing issues, and institutional risk
• NSF Audit 2019 - 2020
  • Concerns raised regarding compliance with University policies and lack of internal controls
  • We are addressing all University policies and procedures
• Outreach and Input
  • Review and feedback process began 2 years ago
  • Input sought from Deans, Associate Deans, President's Research Advisory Council, University Senate, Faculty groups at Storrs and UCH
  • Survey administered to 1180 faculty who submitted grants within last 2 years (726 responded)
  • The OVPR will continue to work with and incorporate feedback from faculty working groups, as well as a working group soon to be appointed by the President as recommended in a motion by the Faculty Senate.

• New Process Beginning April 5, 2021
  • Final administrative components due to SPS Pre-Award 5 days before sponsor deadline (project narrative can be submitted up to 3 days before deadline)
  • Proposals will be reviewed in order of submission
    • Dashboard will provide info on status and order of review
  • Proposals submitted less than 5 days before sponsor deadline will not be reviewed
  • Potential exceptions include:
    • One pass allowed for each faculty
    • Short turnaround RFPs, last minute sponsor requests, or last minute opportunities or collaborations
    • If no other proposals are in the queue
All SPA meetings will be held at 2:00 pm and will be online until further notice.

- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021