

[eRA Enhancements: New Link for ORCID in Personal Profile](#)

Friday, January 5, 2018

ORCID ID (*Open Researcher and Contributor ID*), a personal digital identifier that distinguishes every researcher, is used by NIH and Grants.gov to relate publications to grants. A new link to access [ORCID.org](https://orcid.org) was added to the Personal Profile section of eRA Commons. This will allow principal investigators to create an ORCID ID to link to their Commons account, so that their publications can be linked to their grants.

[NIH: New Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form](#)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

With the use of Forms E for NIH grant applications due on or after January 25, 2018, it seems there are several areas of confusion with regard to the new Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form which is now required. We encourage you to view the following NIH YouTube Video which provides helpful information on completing the form.

[NIH: Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements FY 2018](#)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Effective January 7 the salary limitation is \$189,600.

[NIH: Summary of Leave, Part-Time and Extension Policies for Kirschstein NRSA Trainees and Fellows](#)

Monday, April 2, 2018

Clarification is given on part-time training, leave (vacation, holiday, sick, parental, unpaid leave of absence) and requests for extension of an award or appointments due to interruptions in training. These policies are applicable to graduate and postdoctorate trainees and fellows supported by Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) research training grants or individual fellowships.

[Revised Medical Center Sponsored Project Sign-off Policy and Procedure](#)

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Donna Galloway is now an Dean's Office authorized signatory on proposal sign-offs. Proposals that require Medical Center Dean's Office review and approval should be sent via email to both Brian VanWuyckhuysen and Donna Galloway. Approval is not required from both Brian and Donna. Sending proposals to both of them will ensure coverage should one of them be out of the office.

[NIH: Clarification of NIH's Policy Regarding a Change in Program Director's/Principal Investigator's Status](#)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

NIH has released clarification on their prior approval policy for changes in the status of PIs and senior/key personnel, and clarify the situations in which NIH's prior approval is required. The NIH Grants Policy Statement outlines several scenarios in which prior approval is required, including the PD/PI's withdrawal from the project, an absence for a continuous period of 3 months or more, and the reduction in time devoted to the project by 25 percent or more from the level that was approved at the time of initial competing award.

[NIH: New Human Subjects System \(HSS\) as of June 9, 2018](#)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

NIH has developed a new Human Subjects System (HSS), which consolidates human subjects and clinical trial information in one place. Information captured in HSS is generally submitted on the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form in application packages submitted for due dates January 25, 2018 or later and Research Progress Performance Reports (RPPR). Post-submission updates to human subjects and clinical trial-related information (including human subjects protections, participant and enrollment information, and Clinicaltrials.gov registration and reporting information) must be made in HSS via the eRA Commons Status page after June 9, 2018.

[Reminder - RCR Mandatory Training for Undergraduates Paid by NSF Grants](#)

Friday, June 15, 2018

As you may recall, NSF has instituted a requirement for training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR) for undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars paid from NSF grants. This requirement became effective for all new funded proposals or supplements submitted after January 4, 2010. There is no required timing for this training; however, it **MUST** be completed within a reasonable timeline, such as within a year of initial funding. **For those investigators that have REU awards for the summer period, you must ensure that your undergraduate students take the course prior to completion of the program.**

[NIH: Clarification, Assignment Deadlines for Applications Submitted Under the NIH Continuous Submission Policy](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

The notice reminds the applicant community of council assignment deadlines for application submissions under the NIH Continuous Submission Policy. Submission is Continuous – Council Deadlines are not. Eligible applications may be submitted at any time, but they will be assigned to Advisory Council rounds based on a schedule. If a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) has a mix of standard and special receipt dates, continuous submission applications may only be submitted for the standard due dates on the FOA.

[NIH and AHRQ: Application Submission/Resubmission Policy](#)

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

The attached notice consolidates and clarifies policy concerning submission and resubmission of applications for grants and cooperative agreements submitted to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). In addition, it updates the few situations in which NIH and AHRQ policy allows for changes of activity codes upon resubmission or renewal. Unless noted otherwise, the policy applies to all types of competing applications (new, renewal, resubmission and revision) and all types of activity codes. Applications will be withdrawn as noncompliant if they do not conform to the policy.

[NIH: Synchronization of Institutional Delegations and Now Allows Decimals in Effort Reporting in RPPR reports](#)

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

The notice informs recipients of 2 enhancements in the eRA Commons to streamline and improve the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) process.

[NIH & AHRQ: Announcement of Upcoming Updates to Application Instructions and Review Criteria for Research Grant Applications.](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

The purpose of the notice is to inform the biomedical and health services research communities of planned updates to application instructions and review criteria language for research grant applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2019, and for research and development contract proposals submitted in response to solicitations posted on or after January 25, 2019.

[NIH: eRA Information: Focused Notifications, Delegation Now Available in HSS](#)

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Responding to feedback from the user community, focused notifications will be sent when a user changes the status of updates to human subjects, or clinical trial information to 'ready to submit' in HSS.

[NIH: Extension Policy for Early Stage Investigator Status \(ESI\)](#)

Friday, September 28, 2018

NIH defines an ESI as a Program Director / Principal Investigator (PD/PI) who has completed her/his terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and who has not previously competed successfully as PD/PI for a substantial NIH independent research award.

[Q&A Document on New Data Privacy Regulations](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

The European Union recently implemented new data privacy regulations ("GDPR") that may affect your faculty members' research. Please read the Q&A document "[What You Should Know About GDPR](#)", to see how this affects you and your studies. If you receive any requests based on GDPR by funding sponsors or other organizations, please contact either Kathleen Tranelli or Mark Wright before responding. Your assistance will enable the University to develop situation-specific guidance and a compliance strategy for the research community.

[New NSF Notification Requirements Regarding Findings of Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault](#)

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

All NSF-funded investigators are to be aware of new policies being implemented by NSF around the reporting of harassment or assault. NSF has issued a new Term and Condition that requires the University, via the Director of ORPA, to report such information to NSF.

[NIH: Notice Regarding 2018 Bayh-Dole Act Final Rule](#)

Friday, October 5, 2018

The University must comply with Bayh Dole regulations to receive federal research and development funding and to participate in federal contract programs. The regulations apply to funding agreements from all federal agencies and have recently been updated.

[NIH: Publication of Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement](#)

Monday, October 29, 2018

This revision is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2018. While this revision does not introduce any new material for the first time, it 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 dated October 2017.