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News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) News

OSP Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) Workshops

OSP is offering FSDP workshops this Fall through the Research Administration track. Register for the following remaining OSP workshops:

Introduction to Grants Management Services in the Office of Sponsored Programs	Tuesday, October 22, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Basics of Federal Contract Administration	Tuesday, October 29, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Clinical and Corporate Contract Basics	Thursday, October 31, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Proposals	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Awards	Wednesday, November 6, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to MyRA for Non-Financial Agreements	Wednesday, November 13, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to Subaward Administration	Thursday, November 14, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Gifts That Support Projects Policy Review	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Introduction to Fee-for-Service in the Office of Sponsored Programs	Thursday, November 21, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Workshop descriptions and registration information are on the Office of Human Resources (OHR) FSDP website.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Update Processes for Requesting Revisions to an Approved Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan

Effective October 1, 2024, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have updated their processes for investigators to submit revised Data Management and Sharing (DMS) plans.

- Pre-Award Stage – A revised plan can be submitted in the Data Management and Sharing Plan (DMSP) section in the Just in Time (JIT) screen in eRA Commons.
- Post-Award Stage (RPPR) – Investigators can select "Upload Revised Data Management and Sharing Plan" in the RPPR Module section.
- Post-Award Stage (off-cycle) – Investigators can select "Prior Approval – DMS Request" in the Prior Approval Module section.

All DMS revision requests must by submitted by a Signing Official (OSP) and accompanied by a request in PERIS™ MyFunding.

For more information on the NIH requirement, see NIH Notice NOT-OD-24-176.

NIH Updated RPPR Instruction Guide Now Available

The NIH has updated the [Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Instruction Guide](#), reflecting updated reporting requirements for the Data Management and Sharing Plan. The instructions include updated screenshots as well.

More information on RPPRs can be found on the [NIH RPPR website](#).

National Science Foundation Mandates Multifactor Authentication for Research.gov Users

Effective October 27, 2024, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will require multifactor authentication (MFA) for research.gov sign-in. Research.gov users will first need to complete a one-time MFA enrollment process that will be available starting October 27. Training resources will be available on the [research.gov website](#).

For more information, see the [NSF Dear Colleague Letter](#) issued on October 11, 2024.

NSF Prior Approval Matrix

The NSF has updated its [Prior Approval Matrix](#) to reflect that it only applies to NSF and not other federal agencies effective October 1, 2024. The update is part of NSF's response to revisions in 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance) that became effective on October 1, 2024.

For more information, see the [NSF revisions to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1)](#).

Revisions to the Uniform Guidance

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) made revisions to [2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance)](#). The revisions went into effect on October 1, 2024, and include the following:

- Increases to thresholds for equipment/supplies
- New De Minimis rate for subrecipients
- Increased ceiling for fixed amount subawards
- Subaward Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) exclusion update
- Single Audit requirement

Many federal agencies have not updated their guidance documents and policies to reflect the October 1 changes but are expected to release updates soon. The Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) released an [Implementation and Readiness Guide](#) that includes talking points that are of interest to faculty and also highlights the Uniform Guidance revisions that are of most interest to research universities.