Sponsored Programs
New Developments
and
Important Reminders

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NSF Updates & Reminders
**NSF Requests & Notifications in Research.gov**

- New NSF Requests required under the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (NSF 15-1) should be submitted using Research.gov
- All other existing notifications and requests will continue to reside in FastLane
- You can view status of all Notifications and Requests in both FastLane and Research.gov.
- Use NSF login credentials for Research.gov.

**NSF FastLane Additional Compliance Checks**

**Effective 04/24/2015**

- Program Solicitation Compliance Checks
- If your program solicitation does not require certain sections, then you should no longer need to attach a Not Applicable page.
- Checks will be triggered when proposers select the “Check Proposal,” “Forward to SPO,” or “Submit Proposal” functions.
- You can Forward to SPO for review, but errors must be corrected before OSP can submit the proposal.

NOT-OD-15-032

New biosketch format required May 25, 2015
- Recommended for due dates on or after January 25, 2015
- Required for due dates on or after May 25, 2015

Page limit increases to 5 pages instead of 4 pages.

Emphasizes accomplishments instead of publications.
- Personal Statement
- Positions and Honors
- Contributions to Science
- Research Support

Biosketch format pages, instructions, and samples are available on the SF 424 (R&R) Forms and Applications page.

Biosketch FAQs are available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/faq_biosketches.htm
NIH Modified Biosketch (cont)

- Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (SciENcv)
  - New tool that populates biosketches for grant applications.

- Within SciENcv, you can easily transform an existing biosketch from one format to another
  - Old NIH format to new NIH format
  - NIH format to NSF format

- Technical Bulletin on SciENcv

- YouTube Video with instructions for using SciENcv
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRWy-3GxhU&feature=youtu.be

* Credit to Gloria Thomas, LSU Office of Strategic Initiatives for providing resources.

NIH Reminder of Non-Compliance

NOT-OD-15-095

- Reminder that NIH may withdraw any application that is not compliance with the SF 424 (R&R) Application Guide, Funding Opportunity Announcement, and relevant NIH Guide Notices.

- Examples of Non-Compliance
  - One or more biosketches that do not use required format.
  - Inappropriate material is included in other parts of the application to circumvent the page limit requirements.
  - New applications that contain elements of a resubmission or renewal application.
  - Applications submitted after 5pm deadline.
ASSIST is now available as a submission option for the following programs:
- R01 - Standard Research Grant
- R03 - Small Research Grant
- R21 - Exploratory/Development Grant
- K - Individual Career Development Award (excluding KM1 and K12)

Can submit using Grants.gov or ASSIST

eRA Commons login is used for ASSIST
- Contact OSP if you would like an eRA Commons account to help prepare application.

OSP is looking for volunteers to use ASSIST

NIH is transitioning other programs to ASSIST over the next year.

ASSIST provides users:
- Secure web-based data entry
- Collaboration of multiple users
  - Multiple users can work in same application at same time.
- Pre-submission validation of NIH and key Grants.gov business rules
  - Will show eRA Commons errors and warnings prior to submission.
- Pre-population of data from eRA Commons profiles
  - Important for investigators to update Personal Profile in eRA Commons
- Pre-submission print/preview of application in NIH format
  - You can see a full PDF of the proposal before submitting.
- Submission status tracking for both Grants.gov and eRA Commons within a single system
- Ability to import subaward budget data from external sources
- Ability to copy application data (excluding attachments) from a previously prepared application
2 CFR 200.330: Subrecipient and Contractor (previously Vendor)

Subrecipients. A subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of a Federal award and creates a Federal assistance relationship with the subrecipient. Characteristics which support the classification of the non-Federal entity as a subrecipient include when the non-Federal entity:

(1) Determines who is eligible to receive what Federal assistance;
(2) Has its performance measured in relation to whether objectives of a Federal program were met;
(3) Has responsibility for programmatic decision making;
(4) Is responsible for adherence to applicable Federal program requirements specified in the Federal award; and
(5) In accordance with its agreement, uses the Federal funds to carry out a program for a public purpose specified in authorizing statute, as opposed to providing goods or services for the benefit of the pass-through entity.
Subrecipient vs. Contractor (cont).

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Contractors. A contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the non-Federal entity's own use and creates a procurement relationship with the contractor. Characteristics indicative of a procurement relationship between the non-Federal entity and a contractor are when the non-Federal entity receiving the Federal funds:

1. Provides the goods and services within normal business operations;
2. Provides similar goods or services to many different purchasers;
3. Normally operates in a competitive environment;
4. Provides goods or services that are ancillary to the operation of the Federal program; and
5. Is not subject to compliance requirements of the Federal program as a result of the agreement, though similar requirements may apply for other reasons.

Subaward Risk Assessment

2 CFR 200.331

- OSP must conduct a risk assessment and develop a monitoring plan for subawards issued under the Uniform Guidance.
- Subrecipient Questionnaire will now be collected by OSP.
- We will also seek input from the PI and SPA on their previous experience with the Subrecipient.
Due to the Affordable Care Act, LSU will no longer be able to provide a subsidy for GA health insurance.

Proposals with start dates on or after 7/1/2015 will not include fringe benefits for graduate assistants in the budget.

OSP and SPA are evaluating the effect on existing projects, including new Board of Regents contracts, and will update unit contacts as information becomes available.

Updated budget templates to remove Graduate Assistant fringe benefits.

SF 424 (R&R) budget template
**OSP Reminders**

**Sponsored Program Systems (SPS)**
- Investigators should be answering compliance questions on cover sheet as they are most familiar with the proposal.

**OSP-1 Form**
- Investigator’s signature on the OSP-1 Form indicates their acceptance of the award terms and conditions.
- Investigators should be carefully reviewing/approving all new awards.

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**OSP Staff**

Welcome our new staff!
- Tiffany Wesley, Administrative Office Coordinator
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