Training Session Overview

- National Science Foundation (NSF) updates
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) updates
- Federal Sequestration
- OMB Combined Circular
- OSP Updates and Reminders
- Q & A
Beginning March 18, 2013, FastLane will begin automated compliance checking of all required sections of full proposals.

FastLane will not allow submission of full proposals missing GPG-required sections.

FastLane will not check:
- Formatting
- Page Length (except for Project Summary)
- Content

**NSF Required Sections of the Proposal**

- Project Summary *
- Project Description
- References Cited
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Current and Pending Support
- Facilities, Equipment & Other Resources
- Supplementary Documentation
  - Data Management Plan *
  - Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (where applicable) *

* These proposal sections were already being auto-compliance checked.


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**NSF FastLane Compliance Checking**

- Biographical Sketches & Current and Pending Support
  - FastLane permits the biosketch and current and pending support sections to be uploaded as a single PDF for the PI, co-PI and senior project personnel.
  - For FastLane to accept the proposal, proposers must insert text or upload a document that states, “Not Applicable” for any co-PI or senior person

Proposal submission instructions that deviate from the GPG will require special attention:
- Conferences, symposia or workshops
- International travel grants
- Program solicitations, where applicable

If solicitation submission instructions do not require one of the sections, proposers will need to insert text or upload a document in that section of the proposal that states, “Not Applicable”
- This will enable FastLane to accept the proposal


Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals

Lead Organization: Required Sections
- Project Summary
- Project Description
- References Cited
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Current and Pending Support
- Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources
- Supplementary Documentation
  - Data Management Plan
  - Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (if applicable)

Non-Lead Organization: Required Sections
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Current and Pending Support
- Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources

Non-Lead does not have to put “Not Applicable” in other sections

**NSF FastLane Compliance Checking**

- **Principal Investigators (PI)**
  - Will receive warning messages if any of the GPG required sections are missing
  - Will be able to forward proposal to SPO
- **Office of Sponsored Programs (SPO access)**
  - FastLane will prevent submission by the SPO if any of the GPG-required sections are missing
- **Automated compliance checking will not be applied to:**
  - Preliminary Proposals
  - Supplemental Funding Requests


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**NSF Grants.gov Proposal Submission**

- The *NSF Grants.gov Application Guide* specifies the same general content requirements for proposal submission.
- Grants.gov may allow a proposal to be submitted even if one of the required sections is missing.
- If a section is missing, a proposal may be returned without review.
The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) is the result of a government-wide effort to create greater consistency in the administration of federal research awards by streamlining and standardizing reporting formats.


- Progress reports are no longer submitted via FastLane.
- Format and required sections are different.
- Information will not be prepopulated.

Encourage your faculty to start early.
NSF Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

- See NSF Project Report Informational Page


- Login to Research.gov as NSF User using FastLane User ID and password.

NIH Progress Report Changes
NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

NIH NOT-OD-13-035

- Fellowship and Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (SNAP) eligible progress reports with budget start dates on or after 7/1/13 must submit RPPR.
  - eSNAP progress report with due dates on or after May 15, 2013.
  - fellowship progress reports with due dates on or after May 1, 2013.
- Format is different than eSNAP.
- Encourage your faculty to start early.

NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

- See NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Page
  
  http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm

- In eRA Commons, PI will select progress report format prior to May due date.
  - Will have the option of RPPR or eSNAP
  - If PI selects eSNAP when RPPR should be used, they must contact the eRA HelpDesk to change format
**NIH Progress Report Public Access Policy**

- NIH NOT-OD-13-042 and NOT-OD-12-160
- NIH Public Access Policy  
- For non-competing continuation grants with a start date of 7/1/2013 or beyond (those with due dates in May):
  - NIH will delay processing of award if publications arising from it are not in compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy
- PIs will need to use My NCBI to enter papers onto progress reports.
  - The RPPR publication section (C.1) is pre-populated with the PI’s publications from My NCBI.

**Federal Sequestration**
OSP has only received general notices from sponsors.

See our Federal Government Sequestration Communications and Updates website under News and Announcements at www.lsu.edu/osp

If we receive notices about a specific award, we will contact the PI.
Proposed Uniform Guidance: Cost Principals, Audit and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards

- Document Number 2013-02113 issued 2/1/2013
- Proposal to combine all circulars applicable to non-federal grant agencies into one.
- Currently in comment period.
- View Federal Register summary on www.regulations.gov
- View entire document on OMB website www.whitehouse.gov/OMB

OSP Updates and Reminders

- New Rates
- Coastal Studies Institute
- Modification requests
- OSP staff
Fringe Benefit Rates FY14

- Effective 7/1/2013, LSU’s employee fringe benefit rate will increase to 38%.
- This rate will be charged to all new and existing sponsored program accounts (including gifts and expired fixed price agreements) beginning 7/1/13.
- All proposals should now include the new rate.
  - Including supplemental funding proposals for existing awards.

Tuition Remission Rates FY14

- Effective 7/1/2013, LSU’s graduate assistant tuition remission rate will increase to 30%.
- All new proposals should now include the new rate.
  - Includes new, competing continuations, renewal, or supplemental funding proposals to existing awards.
- Unlike fringe benefits, this rate will NOT automatically apply to existing sponsored projects on 7/1/13.
  - The GA tuition remission rate approved in the proposal/award will continue for the life of the award.
- Expired fixed price and gift accounts (new and existing) will apply the current GA tuition rate effective July 1st of each year.
Budget Templates

- All budget templates have been updated with the new rates.
- Please review budgets prior to OSP routing to ensure correct rates have been used.

Coastal Studies Institute (CSI)

- Proposals that involve CSI should mark “yes” on the SPS Coversheet for the question “Special Facilities, Services, Centers, Institutes (e.g. CCT, CAMD, CSI) required?:
  - CSI should then be listed in space provided.
- Same procedure is also done for proposals that involve CCT and CAMD.
Modification Requests

- As a reminder, modification requests should be routed to OSP prior to submission to the sponsor.
  - You can either route hard copy with an OSP-2 form or electronically as a Modification in SPS.
- If amendment is received for a mod request that was not routed through OSP, please attach copy of request that PI sent to sponsor with OSP-1 for amendment.

OSP Staff

- Ryan Greer has taken over the ERA duties
- Welcome Lacy Inmon, Grant/Contract Specialist
- We need your input on Training and Outreach activities.
Questions

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