SPONSORED PROGRAMS
NEW DEVELOPMENTS
AND
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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Training Session Overview

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Update
- Board of Regents Update
- Office of Contractual Review Update
- OSP Updates and Reminders
- Q & A
NIH Revised Just-In-Time (JIT)

  - The JIT link in eRA Commons will be activated for all scored applications.
  - NIH will automatically request JIT information for proposals with an impact score of 40 or less.
  - The impact score of 40 or less reflects NIH’s tightened pay lines, but an individual institute may have a lower pay line. JIT request does not guarantee funding of the proposal.

- In the past, OSP conducted an expanded review when JIT information was requested by NIH since this was a strong indicator for funding.

- Under revised policy an expanded review is no longer required as part of the JIT submission. However, an expanded review can be requested.

NIH Grant Transfers

- April 19-20 update to eRA Commons
- Can now submit Change of Institution (Type 7) applications electronically.
  - Still have option for paper submission.
- Two parts to electronic submission.
  - The current Grantee must complete a Relinquishing Statement through eRA Commons
  - The new institution must submit an application via Grants.gov using the Parent Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Look for an NIH Guide Notice this week.
**Board of Regents (BOR) Update**

- No-cost extensions, rebudgeting requests, and approvals for additional equipment and/or deviations from approved equipment for contracts ending June 30, 2012 are due to BOR by **April 30, 2012**.
  - Requests must be sent to OSP with OSP-2 form for institutional approval prior to submission to BOR.
  - OSP will get necessary approvals, counter-sign request and contact department for pick-up.
  - Department/PI is responsible for submitting request to BOR before April 30th
- **Support Fund contracts expected in May.**

**Office of Contractual Review (OCR)**

- OCR has established a May 18th deadline for receipt of any contracts/amendments that need to be processed by 6/30/2012.
- **What this means to you:**
  - State contracts to LSU that end on 06/30/2012 need to be signed by OSP and returned to sponsor for submission to OCR before this date.
  - Extension amendments to state contracts to LSU that currently end 06/30/2012 need to be signed by OSP and returned to sponsor for submission to OCR before this date.
  - Any LSU FY 12 subawards that require OCR approval need to be signed by subawardee and LSU and sent to OCR before this date.
    - Purchasing may set an earlier internal deadline.
OSP Updates and Reminders

- New Fringe Benefit Rate
- Graduate Assistant Tuition Remission
- Conflict of Interest
- Modification Requests

Fringe Benefits

- Effective 07/01/2012
  - Regular employee rate increasing from 34% to 36%.

- Applies to new and existing accounts
  - Sponsored program accounts, gifts, and expired fixed price agreements
### GA Fringe and Tuition Remission

- **Effective 01/01/2012**
  - GA fringe benefit rate = 3%
  - GA tuition remission rate = 26%
- **Applies to new, supplement, competing continuations (new funding) proposals submitted after 01/01/2012**
  - Will be charged to restricted accounting, including gifts, expired fixed price, technology transfer and F&A rebate accounts beginning 07/01/2012
- **Revised budget requests for proposals submitted prior to 12/31/2011 do NOT need GA fringe or tuition.**

### Conflict of Interest

- LSU’s Financial Conflict of Interest Policy, PS-98, is being revised to implement the new requirements of the Public Health Service.
  - Required to be implemented by 8/24/2012
  - It is expected that the new policy will apply broadly to all areas of research and all sponsors, not just NIH and NSF.
- **In the interim, in order to ensure compliance with PM-67 “Contracts between the University and its Faculty Members” and state ethics laws, OSP will obtain a conflict of interest certification from PIs via email**
  - Prior to accepting an award from a private entity.
  - Prior to issuing a subaward to a private entity.
Modification Requests

- Modification requests (OSP-2 form) require approval for PI and department chair/unit director.
- For mod requests routed electronically, the department chair/unit director only appears in SPS if it is set up for that department code.
- Will need to add department chair/unit director as “additional reviewer” in SPS if this does not appear.
  - College Interdisciplinary Research department XXX-99
  - Non-academic departments
- If your college requires dean’s level approval and routing mod in SPS, the dean should be added as “additional reviewer.”

Other Training Opportunities

- Introduction to Sponsored Programs
- Sponsored Programs System (SPS) Training
- Grants.gov Training
Questions

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