Agenda

- FDP Report – Federal Updates
- NIH Unilateral Closeout
- AB 1887 – Travel Restrictions
The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP)

- Cooperative initiative among 10 federal agencies and 155 institutional recipients of federal funds.
- Purpose: to reduce administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts.
- Forum for representatives from universities and non-profits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the research enterprise.
- Meetings three times/year.
- Ongoing working group activities throughout the year.
- [www.thefdp.org](http://www.thefdp.org)
Federal Updates – Research Terms and Conditions

Initiative led by NSF and NIH

- Develop revised set of RTCs to implement Uniform Guidance.
- Will apply to research and research related grants from participating agencies to IHEs and non-profits.
- Co-chairs are in final negotiations with OMB on resolving remaining issues.
- Final version of RTCs will be posted in the Federal Register.
  - Notice will encourage other federal agencies to adopt.
Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

New PAPPG Implementation

• Significant Changes
  • Enhanced coverage of cost sharing to clarify difference between voluntary committed and voluntary uncommitted.
  • Indirect cost rates lower than negotiated rates considered voluntary committed cost sharing – *not allowed under policy*.
  • Greater clarity on instructions for proposals submitted later due to natural or man-made disasters.
Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

New PAPPG implementation

• Applies to proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 30, 2017.
Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

New PAPPG Implementation

• Significant Changes
  • Separate section on *Types of Proposals* which highlights special proposal types such as RAPID, EAGER, GOALI, and RAISE.
Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

Electronic Research Administration Forum

- Gather Opinions, perspective and feedback around NSF ERA activities
- Proposal System Modernization (PSM) webinars
  - April 2016 and September 2016
  - Next webinar TBA
- More researcher participation is strongly encouraged.
- Website: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/era_forum.jsp
- List-serv: send email to NSF-ERA-FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

Outreach

- NSF Grants Conference (archived webcast from November 2016)
  - [https://goo.gl/vwJSX1](https://goo.gl/vwJSX1)
- NSF Grants Conference
  - June 5 – 6, 2017
  - Louisville, KY
  - [https://goo.gl/X8ney5](https://goo.gl/X8ney5)
Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

Continuing Resolution

• PL 114-254 funds federal government until April 28, 2017
• Funding is at 99.8 of FY 2016 level.
• Stay tuned!
Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

FY 2017 Grants Policy Statement

• Applicable to all grants and cooperative agreements with **budget periods** beginning on or after October 1, 2017.

• Review significant changes.

• Will continue to publish interim changes through guide notices.

Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

Interim RPPR

• Effective February 2017, I-RPPR will be required while Type 2 applications are under consideration.

• If Type 2 is funded, NIH will treat the I-RPPR as the annual for final year of previous segment.

• If Type 2 is not funded, I-RPPR will be treated as the Final.

• Watch for updates and FAQs on the RPPR website: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm

Extension of Effective Date for Single IRB

• New date: September 25, 2017.

• Stay tuned for updates!
Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

2017 NIH Regional Seminars:

Spring Regional Seminar
New Orleans, LA
May 3 – 5, 2017

Fall Regional Seminar
Baltimore, MD
October 25 – 27, 2017

See: NOT-OD-17-026
Federal Updates – Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Current BAAs

BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-2015-0007
*Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research*
Issued July 1, 2016

BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-0008
*Air Force Defense Research Sciences Conference and Workshop Support*
Issued July 21, 2016

Both open until superseded
Federal Updates – Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Use of Grants.gov

- All proposals submitted to AFOSR announcements must be submitted through Grants.gov.
- USPS will only be accepted if Grants.gov is down and proposal is accompanied by a Grants.gov help ticket explaining the reason for rejection.
- AFOSR will not accept due to user error or incorrect forms are used.
Federal Updates – Final Thoughts

Final Thoughts

• All federal reps throughout all sessions referenced the need for timely reporting:
  • Financial
  • Technical/Progress
  • Equipment
  • Invention
• Data is important.
• Still need to achieve more common reporting elements and uniformity across all sponsors.
NIH Unilateral Closeout of Awards

• Email notifications of unilateral closeout to PI and OCGA.
• Can affect future funding for individual PIs and the University.
• Applies to all final reports (submitted via eRA Commons)
  • Financial – initiated and submitted by EFM
  • Technical (RPPR) - initiated by PI and submitted by PI or OCGA
  • Invention – initiated by PI and submitted by OCGA
• Deliverables available on Snapshot, PI Portal, Commons.
AB 1887 - State Funded Travel Prohibition

• Assembly Bill 1887 approved September 27, 2016
• Prohibits state funded travel to certain states* that have passed laws that:
  • authorize discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, or
  • voids or repeals existing state of local protections against such discrimination.

*Currently Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee
AB 1887 - State Funded Travel Prohibition

• **Does not** affect travel that is paid for or reimbursed using non-state funds.

• **Does** prohibit the University from requiring any employee to travel to restricted states *regardless of funding source*.

• University has a responsibility to monitor [Attorney General’s list](#) for changes.

• See:
  - ORA News – February 6, 2017
  - Memo from Scott Monatlik – January 13, 2017
  - FAQs

Contact your OCGA Team for questions about specific funds.
Questions?