FDP Updates

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FDP (Federal Demonstration Partnership)

**Mission Statement**

Association of federal agencies, academic and nonprofit research institutions, and research policy organizations that work together in a collaborative initiative to streamline the administration of federally sponsored research.
Open Government: Research Administrative Data Subcommittee

- To provide a forum to track, analyze, and streamline the impact of data driven initiatives stemming from various Federal Government directives such as
  - To facilitate the adoption of standards and their implementation to ensure transparency goals are met while maximizing positive impact and minimizing workload on all partners in the process
  - To collaborate with other FDP committees as needed (e.g. eRA, Expanded Clearinghouse) to address data-centric components of mutual interest

DATA Act
Digital Accountability Transparency Act of 2014
Address issues of
- Completeness
- Accuracy
- Use (definitions)
- Presentation (transparency)

OPEN Government Data Act (H.R. 1770)
Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary
OMB Charge to develop and maintain
https://www.data.gov/
Make available to the Public
- Establish minimum standards for data
- Accountability (oversight)
- Creates Chief Data Officers at fed agencies

GREAT Act (H.R.150)
Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements
Transparency Act of 2019
- Data standards for Grants Reporting
- Requirement for collection and publication of data
The Challenge

Pain Points across the Grants Lifecycle

- Excessive and duplicative grant management burden (i.e., admin paperwork).
- Processes are complex, fragmented, and managed differently among OpDivs and StaffDivs.
- Numerous IT Systems across the OpDivs and StaffDivs for the same stages of grant management.
- No data centralization or standardization, limited data sharing, and absence of data visibility at the Department level.
- Reliance on manual processes to report grants data and limited ability to use data for proactive decision-making.
Blockchain

- "an open, distributed ledger that can record transactions between two parties efficiently and in a verifiable and permanent way“
  - Inexpensive
  - Secure
  - Efficient

  Example: BitCoin
NIH Training Grant Applications

- Harassment and Discrimination Protections in NIH Training Applications
  - NOT-OD-19-056
  - Letters of Support (to be combined into 1 upload)
    - Institutional Commitment for the Success of the Planned Program
    - Institutional Commitment to Ensure “proper policies, procedures, and oversight are in place to prevent discriminatory harassment and other discriminatory practices”
NIH Inclusion Enrollment

- [NOT-OD-18-116](https://example.com)
- Reminder: All Competing Grant Applications with due dates on or after January 25, 2019 require
  - All individuals regardless of age “must” be included in all human research subjects
  - Based upon the research project, should it not be appropriate to include certain subjects based upon their age, the exclusion rationale must be address
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NIH Early Stage Investigators Status (ESI) NOT-OD-18-235

- Extension of ESI status possible on case by case basis

**Must include**
- eCommons Username
- Number of Months for Extension
- New ESI End Date
- Justification for Extension Request

Most ESI request due to childbirth
NIH will allow 1 year extension of ESI status w/ inclusion of child birth date and justification

**Other Areas Considered**
- Family Care Responsibilities
- Extended Periods of Clinical Training
- Extended Periods of Additional (non-degree) Research Training
- Disability or Illness
- Active Duty Military Service
- Clinical Loan Repayment Requirements
- Natural or Other Disaster
NIH Early Stage Investigators Status (ESI)

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  - Link to electronic ESI extension request

Website lists possible rationale for ESI status extensions that they will entertain.
Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide

(PAPPG), (NSF 19-1)

◦ Effective date moved back – for Proposals Submitted, or Due On/After February 25, 2019
  ◦ Addition of Research.gov as an option for proposal preparation and submission, and proposal file updates;
  ◦ Revision of eligibility standards for unaffiliated individuals;
  ◦ Specification that conference proposals over $50,000 and all equipment proposals must include the Collaborators and Other Affiliations information in the proposal submission;
  ◦ Revision of resubmission guidelines for NSF programs that accept proposals at any time;
  ◦ Implementation of NSF’s policy on sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, or sexual assault;
  ◦ Specification that proposers are required to have a policy or code-of-conduct that addresses sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, and sexual assault, and that includes clear and accessible means of reporting violations of the policy or code-of-conduct. This policy or code-of-conduct must be disseminated to conference participants prior to attendance at the conference as well as made available at the conference itself;
  ◦ Emphasis on the importance of training faculty in the responsible and ethical conduct of research;
  ◦ Incorporation of existing patent policy into the PAPPG. This policy was previously implemented by regulation at 45 CFR 650; and
  ◦ Numerous clarifications and other changes throughout the document.
Any Questions?

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