Grant Coordinator Meeting
September 23, 2021

ISU Visiting Scholar Policy
The new [Visiting Scholars policy](#) governs the designation, approval, roles, and the overall responsibility for visiting scholars at Iowa State. The [Visiting Scholars website](#) provides additional information and guidance. The policy became effective on May 10, 2021.

NIH Two-Factor Authentication
NIH eRA Commons requires a two-factor authentication for all PIs beginning September 15, 2021. PIs will have to choose to log in using either login.gov (which requires setup of a login.gov account) or select Iowa State University in the dropdown of Federated Accounts and then the system will redirect to ISU's single sign-on. The first time that a user logs into the system, the system prompts them for their eRA Commons password. The eRA Commons password must be available to log in.

On a related note, PIs will have a grace period of 45 days after a proposal is submitted or an RPPR is due to get their account converted over to two-factor authentication before their account becomes disabled.

NSF Transition to Research.gov
NSF (National Science Foundation) continues its transition from FastLane to Research.gov and they are asking that institutions continue to transition proposals into Research.gov. FastLane is planned to be discontinued December 31, 2022 and at that time all proposals will go through Research.gov. Please take note of submission instructions as an additional wave of opportunities will be available in Research.gov in October 2021.

We recently saw an issue where on-campus users were not able to access FastLane and it is likely that bugs will go unresolved in FastLane as NSF switches their effort to research.gov. Initially we avoided Research.gov due to bugs, but the time has come to really put our efforts into learning the new platform before it's the only option available to us.

New Research Admin System Update
The goal of this project is a staged implementation of a new Pre-Award and Award Management system to replace outdated administrative systems. Liquid Office (aka GoldSheet System) and fillable PDF forms are currently used for recording proposal information and approvals, and Kuali Coeus 5.2.1 is used for recording awards, subawards, negotiations, and institutional proposals. Kuali Coeus data is transferred nightly to Cognos (aka eData) for proposal, award, subaward and negotiation reporting purposes. A new cloud-based system is desired to improve functionality, increase efficiencies, and add value to the proposal, routing and approval, award and subaward processes.

The first phase of implementation will replace and enhance both ISU's GoldSheet functionality and the ISU Foundation's Cardinal Sheet functionality into one integrated system. The new proposal development, routing and approval system should support the external funding proposal development process in a manner that makes information more accessible for all stakeholders and removes pain points for both PIs and administrators.

The second phase of implementation will replace and enhance ISU's Kuali Coeus Award, Subaward, Negotiation and Institutional Proposal modules functionality and business processes.

A Project Team and Executive Team were formed in February 2021 and have been charged to select and implement a new system. An RFP was issued by ISU in early July 2021 for a Cloud-Based Research Administration System, and potential supplier responses were received in August 2021. Short demos with some potential suppliers were completed earlier this week. Our plan is to have increased campus involvement in the next round of demos with a limited number of potential suppliers.

New Visiting Scholar Question on GoldSheet
The VPR asked OSPA to add a visiting scholar question to the GoldSheet. This change is expected to go-live in the near future after additional testing is completed. In order to accommodate this request, the "Is this an FDP-GLP study? Yes/No" question was removed, and the following question "Are you hosting or planning to host Visiting Scholars? Yes/No" was added to the Compliance Information section on the first page of the GoldSheet. This is not a project specific question. The VPR wants to be able to identify PIs who are currently hosting or are planning to host visiting scholars.

Prize Funding
We have recently noticed an increase in prize funding award activity. ISU will treat federal prize funding as sponsored funding. ISU will treat prize funding with terms (indemnification, grant of rights to 3rd parties, etc.) as sponsored funding. A GoldSheet is required if the prize funding is treated as sponsored funding. OIPTT will handle prize funding from industry and commodities, and OSPA will handle prize funding from federal agencies and others. The ISU Foundation will handle prizes from non-federal sponsors that do not have restrictive terms.

Advanced Accounts/ Worktags
An updated Advanced Grant Worktag Request Form has been recently posted to the OSPA Forms website with a new highlighted warning note. There have been a few instances this summer where an advanced worktag was set up with an incomplete sponsor name (e.g. NIH was used where NIH-NINDS should have been used). The new note states, "If the sponsor name, sponsor type (e.g. federal, non-federal), or activity type (e.g. research, public service) is different after review of the award, a new Worktag may need to be established and all expenditures moved to the new Worktag." We are bringing this up so that you are aware of this potential issue and can scrutinize the Sponsor name listed on the Advanced Grant Worktag Request Form before it is submitted to OSPA/OIPTT.

Set-up of New Centers
Institutional Research Department Numbers, GoldSheet Lead Units, KC Unit Numbers and Workday Cost Centers will not be set up until the new center has received BOR approval. Additionally, the Controller's Department will not set up Director Incentive Accounts until the new center has received BOR approval. An overall guidance document is under development by the Controller's Department to document organization and reorganization changes at ISU.