



NIH Update

Federal Demonstration Partnership

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Office of Policy for Extramural
Research Administration



NIH Leadership News

- Lawrence Tabak, D.D.S., Ph.D. appointed Principal Deputy Director. Assumes the position held by Dr. Raynard Kington who has left NIH.
- Sally J. Rockey, Ph.D. appointed Deputy Director for Extramural Research. Sally has been serving as “Acting” DDER since Fall 2008.



ARRA Updates

- Issuing final ARRA awards; all NIH ARRA awards to be issued by 9/30/2010
- Reminder: Compliance for Quarterly Reporting Requirement
 - OMB Directive M-10-17 (5/4/2010) issued guidance for agencies on “Holding Recipients Accountable for Reporting Compliance...”
 - For the June 30, 2010 Reports, only 28 instances of noncompliance; all 1st timers
- Reminder: Timely Closeout Reports Needed
- Reminder: Include ARRA T-3 information in annual progress reports of the parent grant



Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI)

- Comment period for NRPM closed 8/19/2010
- Currently evaluating comments received



eSubmission Update: Elimination of Error Correction Window

- Beginning with due dates on/after January 25, 2011, NIH will eliminate the error correction window
- Final decision made after evaluation of public comments received in response to RFI
- Does not affect the two-business-day application viewing window; applicants are still able to view their application and reject and submit a corrected application prior to the submission deadline
- Applicants strongly encouraged to submit early



Mandating eSNAP

Beginning with SNAP progress reports due on/after August 1, 2010, NIH requires the use of the eRA Commons eSNAP module.

- SNAP provisions expanded to include:
 - RB/IACUC dates not routinely required in progress report
 - Reports due 45 days instead of 60 days before anniversary
 - Ability to delegate submit authority to the PD/PI
- To accommodate implementation, NIH automatically enabled all grantees to submit—grantees should NOT “disable”
- PHS 2590 Instructions updated:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/2590/2590.htm>
- Revised eSNAP User Guide posted at
http://era.nih.gov/docs/eSNAP_UG_v2.25.0.0_041210.pdf.



“My NCBI” Tool Replaces eRA Commons for Bibliography Management

- eRA Commons has partnered with the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) to link NCBI’s personal online tool, “My NCBI,” to the Commons.
- As of July 23, 2010, PD/PIs are unable to enter citations manually into eRA Commons and must use My NCBI’s “My Bibliography” tool to manage their professional bibliographies.
- PD/PIs must establish a My NCBI account; account must be linked to eRA Commons account
- References saved in My NCBI automatically appear in Commons once the two are linked
- PD/PIs have until October 22nd to relocate any citations entered directly into Commons into My NCBI; Commons entered citations will be removed after that date



Mandating Use of xTrain (eRA Commons)

- Effective January 1, 2011, NIH will require the electronic submission via xTrain of Appointment Forms (PHS 2271) & Termination Notices (PHS 416-7) for institutional research training, individual fellowships, and applicable institutional education and career development awards
- Paper forms will not be accepted
- Training materials on the xTrain webpage:
http://era.nih.gov/services_for_applicants/other/xTrain.cfm



Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR): Update on NIH Implementation

- Final RPPR format posted in Spring 2010
- Agencies must publish implementation plan in January 2011
- NIH will implement in an electronic environment
- Initial analysis between PHS2590 & RPPR completed
- An NIH workgroup has been formed to develop implementation plan



Federal Financial Report (FFR) SF425: Update on NIH Implementation

- HHS Implementation:
 - PMS continue to collect Cash Transaction data (effective 1/2010)
 - Agencies to collect Expenditure data
- NIH currently piloting eFFR system with 8 grantee institutions; Pilot began late July 2010
- Assuming successful pilot – will open eFFR system to all grantees beginning in October and require eFFR use beginning in January 2011
- Grantees should continue to use eFSR system until further notice



NIH Policy on Post-Submission Application Materials

- Effective for applications submitted for the September 25, 2010 receipt date and thereafter, the policy will only allow grant application materials to be accepted after submission of the application but before the initial peer review if they result from unforeseen administrative issues.
- See Guide Notice for details on acceptable and unacceptable material, exceptions, and page limits



NIH Grants Policy Statement Revision - FY2011

- **Will be Effective October 1, 2010; revision will supersede the December 2003 version**
 - Incorporates policy and procedure changes implemented via Guide Notices since the 12/03 version, public policy changes, and clarification of existing policies
 - Includes new chapters recommended by users (Career Awards, Multiple PD/PI)
 - Improved organization of existing chapters, terminology changes as well as document enhancements.

Stay tuned for announcement in the NIH Guide



Thank You! Questions?

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