CLEAR Monthly Webinar (September 2020)

Hosted by Sponsored Research (OSR)
September 17, 2020
Today’s Agenda

• Announcements
  – VPR Signature Request Form
  – NIH Due Dates
  – NSF Format Requirements
• Key NIH Resources & Training
• Sponsored Research Training
Announcements: Staffing

Sponsored Research (OSR) Open Positions

• **Grants Management**
  – Assistant Director (In active recruitment)

• **Research Contracts**
  – Director (In active recruitment)
  – Assistant Director (In active recruitment)

• **Award Management:**
  – Grants Assistant (Posted)

• **Subcontract Management**
  – Open position: Subcontracts Assistant (Posted)
  – New Hires
    • Matthew Winter, Grants Officer (9/16)
    • Bonnie Cairns, Assistant Grants Officer (10/1)
Announcements: CLEAR On-Demand Coming Soon!

In response to your feedback…

• Recorded CLEAR webinars will start to be available on-demand after the live event (usually next day)
• Past webinars (starting April 2020) will be posted
• Annotated slide decks will remain available
• Find it all at: https://osr.northwestern.edu/presentations/
VPR Signature Request Form

• **Request signature of Vice President for Research**, including
  – Basic letters of support
  – Letters of institutional commitment tied to cost share

• Cost share-related signature requests
  – Allow at least a week processing time
  – No changes to existing deadlines related to cost share
  – More info on the OSR website [cost share page](#)

• Questions or feedback about the form:
  – Contact [Nick Angeloni](mailto:nick.angeloni@northwestern.edu), Director of the Office for Research Strategic Planning and Coordination

• For more details check out [this news item](#)
## Upcoming NIH Due Dates

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<td>• <em>Institutional</em> National Research Service Awards (T-Series)</td>
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<td>• Multiple other activity codes (C, D, G, S, U)</td>
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<td>October 12</td>
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<td>• Other Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements (new) R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3</td>
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Oct. 5 NSF Format Requirements

• **Effective October 5, 2020:** NSF-approved formats required for the preparation of Biosketch and Current and Pending Support sections included with:
  – Proposals submitted or due on or after October 5, 2020
  – Change of PI and Add/Change Co-PI Requests
  – Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Submissions with Active Other Support Changes

• **Automated Compliance Checks**
  – Biosketch and Support documents NOT in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error and will prevent proposal submission or completion of the post-award action

• **References**
  – [Detailed advisory](#) regarding requirement enforcement
  – [NSF-Approved Formats for the Biographical Sketch](#) website
  – [NSF-Approved Formats for Current and Pending Support](#) website
Bookmark This:
Key NIH Resources
NIH: Find Funding

- **NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts**
  - NIH's official publication of notices of grant policies, guidelines, and funding opportunities (FOAs)
  - Searchable database of January 1991 – Present
  - Export results (in XL) and share searches
NIH: Prepare an Application

- **NIH Application Guide**
  - Application instructions (general and for specific activity codes – e.g. R, K, T’s)
  - Quick links to a variety of resources
  - **Standard Due Dates**: Includes application due dates as well as review & award cycles

### Application Due Dates

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| P Series       | Program Project Grants and Center Grants
                | NOTE: Applicants should check with the relevant Institute or Center (IC), since some do not accept P series applications for all three receipt/review/award cycles. | January 25 | May 25 | September 25 |
| R18, U18 R25   | Research Demonstration Education Projects | January 25 | May 25 | September 25 |
Annotated NIH Forms

• **NIH Annotated Form Sets**

• Resources available for FORMS-F Series (for use with grant application due dates on/after May 25, 2020)
  – Annotated Form Set for NIH Grant Applications
  – Multi-project Annotated Form Set
  – Small Business Annotated Form Set
  – Preview of Grant Application Form Changes
Research Agency Funding Data

• **NIH RePORTER**
  – Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools
  – Reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities, including info on NIH expenditures and the results of NIH supported research

• **Federal RePORTER**
  – Searchable database of scientific awards from a variety of Federal agencies
  – Includes: CDC, DOD, Dept. of Education, EPA, all HHS (including NIH), NASA, NSF, USDA, VA
NIH: Stay in the Know

• Office for Extramural Research Listservs and RSS Feeds
  – NIH Extramural Nexus (includes “Open Mike” blog posts from Mike Lauer, Director, OER)

Open Mike

Institute and Center Award Rates and Funding Disparities
By Mike Lauer

In 2011, Ginther et al. first demonstrated that African American and Black applicants to the National Institutes of Health received grant awards at a lower rate than their white counterparts. Since then, multiple studies have reproduced and extended this finding (Ginther 2011; Ginther 2016; Hoppe 2019; Erosheva 2020). Recently we reported that African American and Black (AAB) PIs are more likely to propose research on topics that are less likely to be funded (Hoppe 2019). We found that topic choice has little or no effect on whether an application is chosen for discussion, but after considering a number of confounders, it accounts for over 20% of the gap in funding success for applications that are discussed. Why are applications linked to certain topics less likely to be funded? Continue reading →
Fall 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar

Program Funding and Grants Administration

- Register now - it’s FREE!
- When: October 27-30 (Tuesday - Friday)
  - Sessions: 12:00 – 4:00pm CDT daily
  - Meet the Experts Exhibit Hall Early Access starts 11:00 am
  - “After Hours” conversations: 4:00-4:45pm (Tues-Thurs.)
- Who: Anyone working with the NIH grants process - particularly new RAs, early stage investigators, grad students
- What:
  - Live and on-demand video library
  - Themed tracks, including case studies and Q&As
  - Live chat opportunities with NIH & HHS experts
  - Downloadable resources
- Details: https://nihvirtualseminar2020.vfairs.com/
Sponsored Project Training
Sponsored Research Online Training (SPOT)

What is SPOT?

• Sponsored Project Online Training (SPOT) is a series of 20-30 minute online courses that walk through the Sponsored Project Lifecycle.

• All SPOT courses are available via myHRLearn.

Who should take a SPOT course?

• SPOT courses are designed for new and existing Research Administrators, Research Assistants, Grants Assistants, student, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty involved in sponsored research.
Sponsored Research
Online Training (SPOT)

Available SPOT Courses:

• Introduction to Sponsored Research
• A Beginner’s Guide to Sponsored Project Solicitations
• Financial Management Basics: Projects and Reconciliations
• Budgets 101
• Budgets 102
• How to Read an Award Document
• Setting Up an Award
• Award Closeout: Basics
Sponsored Research Online Training (SPOT)

Register for SPOT courses through myHRLearn:
A complement to the SPOT courses, Virtual Courses are taught by subject matter experts from central and departmental offices and feature hands-on activities and interactive case studies.
Virtual Training
(formerly In-Person Training)

Upcoming Virtual Training:

Tuesday, October 13:
Reading and Evaluating a Sponsored Project Solicitation

Wednesday, October 14:
Award Set-Up

Tuesday, October 20:
Budgets 101

Wednesday, October 21:
Budgets 102

Register for Virtual Courses via myHRLearn.
Virtual Training
(formerly In-Person Training)

Register for Virtual Training through myHRLearn:
The curriculum includes a comprehensive introduction to the Office for Research and related offices, research-related resources, and a “Basics of Sponsored Research Administration” series of Web-based courses and webinars.

https://www.researchintegrity.northwestern.edu/training/ira/online

Additional questions (after checking the website FAQ) can be emailed to the address below.

researchintegrity@northwestern.edu

*Note: SPOT courses comprise the web-based component of the “Basics” series.*
Questions?
Thank you for attending!

Happy (early) Research Administrator Day (Sept. 25th)!

Join us for the next CLEAR webinar on Thursday, October 17, 12:00pm