Danforth Campus
RA Forum
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Ignore Automated Emails from Grants.gov for NIH FOAs requiring Paper Application Submission

NIH is in the process of reposting approximately 100 opportunities in Grants.gov that require paper application submission. This action may result in receipt of automated e-mail notification of a change from Grants.gov. Please note that there are no changes to the content of these funding opportunities. The Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) are still active. See NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-09-022.

Questions? Contact the eRA Helpdesk; 301-402-7469 or helpdesk@od.nih.gov
Tips for “Other Support”

Example OVERLAP statement

“Adjustments to avoid overlap will be made to my other support prior to funding of this application.”

A general statement similar to the one above is acceptable if you are addressing overlap in Other Support pages that are part of an application.
Tips for “Other Support” (cont)

- For other support being submitted as Just-in-Time information, more detail should be provided as in the example below.

“If this application is funded, I will reduce my effort on grant 5R01AI056789-03 to 2.0 calendar months, so that my overall research effort does not exceed 12.0 calendar months.”
NIH Fellowships

- Per Notice NOT-OD-09-007 NIH is no longer requiring the PI’s (fellow) and sponsor’s signature on individual fellowship grant applications (NRSAs = National Research Service Awards). However, NIH is dictating that the institution secure the PI’s and sponsor’s signature assuring to some certifications. Please refer to the G&C template (next slide).

- To meet this requirement, G&C is asking that Departments use the template (next slide) to create an addendum to the PC Form for NIH fellowships. This “addendum” should be submitted with the PC Form and rest of the application, prior to submission.

- Please note, G&C along with RO and AIS are looking into a “systematic” change to incorporate this verbiage into the PC Form when NIH Fellowships are being submitted.
NIH Fellowships (cont)

**********Please place on departmental letterhead, obtain signatures and submit to G&C/RO as an addendum to the Proposal Certification Form (PC Form)**********

MM/DD/YYYY

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Re: Application Title ________________________________

Mr. Michnowicz:

As required by the National Institutes of Health in NOT-OD-09-007, I certify the following regarding the application referenced above.

(1) that the information submitted within the application is true, complete and accurate to the best of the Fellow’s and Sponsor’s knowledge; (2) that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject the Fellow and Sponsor(s) to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties; (3) that the Sponsor(s) will provide appropriate training, adequate facilities, and supervision if a fellowship is awarded as a result of the application; and (4) that the Fellow has read the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Payback Assurance and will abide by the Assurance if an award is made, and that the award will not support residency training.

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Fellow’s Name

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Sponsor’s Name
NOT-OD-06-054

When multiple PIs are proposed in an application assurances must be retained for all named PIs. The rationale is that in NIH’s implementation of multiple-PI grants, there was never a concept of “Lead” PI. Instead, all PIs under these grants are considered equal and have equally shared rights and responsibilities under each grant. Therefore, there needs to be documentation that all PIs make the assurances and agree to its terms, and that is why we require grantees to maintain signatures from all PIs instead of just one.
Multi-PI introduced the concept of “Contact” PI. This is merely for communications purposes, and does not bestow any special rights, responsibilities, or status to that PI beyond communicating to the other PIs.

More on this can be found in FAQs at

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/multi_pi/faq.htm#b6
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/multi_pi/faq.htm#b8
Upcoming 2009
NIH Regional Seminars
Program Funding and Grants Administration

April 16-17, 2009- Atlanta, Georgia
Co-Hosted by: Georgia State University and
Georgia Institute of Technology

June 25-26, 2009- Las Vegas, Nevada
Co-Hosted by: University of Nevada, Las Vegas and
University of Nevada, Reno
Upcoming NCURA 2009 Seminars

January 7-9, 2009
Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration Workshop
Phoenix, AZ

January 7-9, 2009
Sponsored Project Administration Level II Workshop
Phoenix, AZ

February 2-4, 2009
Fundamentals of Sponsored Project Administration Workshop
Orlando, FL

February 2-4, 2009
Financial Research Administration Workshop
Orlando, FL

February 9-11, 2009
Financial Research Administration X Conference
La Quinta (Palm Springs), CA
Upcoming 2009 SRA International

**Midwest Section Meeting**

May 1-5, 2009
Sheraton Hotel and Sioux Falls Convention Center
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
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Questions
Research Administrators Forum
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Update from the Department of Energy

• DOE – favorite quote: “Everybody is going to be grumpy in 09, but, hopefully, more efficient”

• New system: Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES) – DOE wide with a new portal called Fed Connect.

• By March 2009, will replace IIPS. Between now and March, need to access both systems, after March, must access awards, etc. via FedConnect.
After January 1, all proposal applications must be submitted via grants.gov using Adobe forms so, if you downloaded an application packet early, you may have to download the new forms prior to submission – sign up for announcements/updates on the grants.gov opportunity announcement page.

After March 09, use FedConnect for mod and approval requests, close outs and reports.
EFFECTIVE January 1st 2009, NSF GPG Chapter II Section C.2d(i): “Each proposal with postdoctoral support must include, as a separate section within the 15-page Project Description, a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals. Examples of mentoring activities include, but are not limited to: career counseling; training in preparation of grant proposals, publications and presentations; guidance on ways to improve teaching and mentoring skills; guidance on how to effectively collaborate with researchers from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary areas; and training in responsible professional practices. The proposed mentoring activities will be evaluated as part of the merit review process under the Foundation's broader impacts merit review criterion. Proposals that do not include a separate section on mentoring activities within the Project Description will be returned without review.”
• For January 2009 NSF deadlines: reviewing NSF proposals to ensure inclusion of “Post Doc Mentoring” plans as part of the broader impacts of the project plan.

• Please see handout for sample boilerplate language – this is only a tool and a starting point please change at will based on your college, school and/or departmental specifics.

• This will be posted on the RO website under proposal development tools. http://proposalhelp.wustl.edu/
• New Electronic System for Approvals
• Forward (e-mail or fax) copy of e-mail approval that PI receives to RO
• RO does not need a printout of the protocol from the system