Participant Support Costs

Participant support costs are those direct costs paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees for participation in meetings, conferences, symposia, workshops or other training projects. Generally, participants or trainees are not employees. When there is a category for participant support costs in the award, the costs may include registration fees, travel allowances, housing, manuals and supplies, tuition and/or stipends. Generally, one may not rebudget nor are F&A (indirect costs) allowed on participant support costs.

Participant Support is associated with special programs that provide research experience for participants, such as Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) on National Science Foundation grants.

To process participant support stipends for non-employees on a NSF grant, a Direct Payment form must be filled out. If the non-employee is being paid from any other grant, then the Payments for Stipends and Non-Financial Aid to Students Form and a Direct Payment form should be used.

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**Participant Support Costs:**

If a payment is being given for housing, tuition and/or fees, then the Student Tuition & Fee Award Authorization Form should be used for charges that have been applied to a student account.

This form can be obtained through the Student Accounts/Bursars Office. If housing, tuition and/or fees are being paid but have not been applied to a student account, then an [On-Campus Order Form](#) should be used.

All forms, once completed, must be submitted to ORA for approval.

If you have any questions please contact your Grant Accountant.
NIH NEWS:

NIH Proposal Submission Basics

The following advice comes from the NIH eRA Commons Help Desk:

- Watch out for form fields required by NIH that are not marked required on federal-wide forms (e.g. Credential for PD/Pis and Organization for all entries on R&R Sr/Key Person Profile form; primary site DUNS on Project/Performance Sites form).
- Use PDF format for all attachments. Follow PDF Guidelines.
- Submit early – days, not minutes – to allow time to correct unforeseen errors.
- Track your submission in eRA Commons. Email can be unreliable.
- Check your entire assembled application image in eRA Commons. If you can’t view it, we can’t review it!

Changes to the Biosketch

May 22, 2014 Sally Rockey

We’re set for a major change in how you portray your body of work when applying for NIH funds. With strong support from NIH leadership, we will be rolling out a new biosketch format. The new NIH biosketch emphasizes your accomplishments instead of just a list of publications, which, as previously discussed, we questioned as the best way to showcase your scientific contributions.

The primary focus of the new NIH biosketch will be the magnitude and significance of the scientific advances associated with a researcher’s discoveries and the specific role the researcher played in those findings. This change will help reviewers evaluate you not by where you’ve published or how many times, but instead by what you’ve accomplished. Hopefully, this change will redirect the focus of reviewers and the scientific community more generally from widely questioned metrics, like the number of published papers, the number of citations received by those papers, or one of several statistical approaches used to normalize citations...
NIH NEWS...continued:

**Working Group on Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce**

**Working Group Reports**

- Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce Working Group Report (PDF – 3,468KB)
- Executive Summary of the Working Group on Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce (PDF – 136KB)

**MISSION AND CHARGE**

Achieving diversity in the biomedical research workforce is critical to the full realization of our national research goals and is in the best interest of our country. Despite numerous efforts over many years to develop the biomedical science workforce pipeline, encompassing efforts from K thru 12 education to preserving academic tenure, for underrepresented minorities, the results remain suboptimal...


**New Efforts to Maximize Fairness in NIH Peer Review**

May 29, 2014 Richard Nakamura and Sally Rockey

We want you to know NIH is working on multiple fronts to get to the bottom of unexplained racial disparities in R01 grant funding and to maximize fairness in NIH peer review. Since the problems and the solutions are bigger than NIH, we have reached out to the scientific community and other concerned citizens for help. Now armed with a team of experts and a set of new initiatives, we’d like to tell you about our efforts to address this important issue — particularly an exciting opportunity for you to submit your input...


**Notice of Change in Criteria for Renewal of Domestic Animal Welfare Assurances**

Notice Number: NOT-OD-14-099 / Key Dates Release Date: May 29, 2014

Related Announcements None / Issued by National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Purpose** This Notice informs Public Health Service (PHS) awardee institutions of a change in the criteria for renewing the Domestic Animal Welfare Assurance (Domestic Assurance). Previously, Domestic Assurances were renewed, regardless of funding, every four years, provided that the institution submitted a renewal Domestic Assurance document to the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) prior to the expiration date. Under the new criteria, Domestic Assurances will be renewed only if the institution has current PHS funding...
Data Sharing Expectations for NIMH-funded Clinical Trials

Notice Number: NOT-MH-14-015
Key Dates-Release Date: June 12, 2014
Issued by National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose

Widespread data sharing by research communities adds significant value to research and accelerates the pace of discovery. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) intends to establish a common informatics platform for exchanging data from clinical trials.

This database will be built on the infrastructure used for the National Database for Autism Research (http://ndar.nih.gov, NDAR) and will be called the National Database for Clinical Trials Related to Mental Illness (http://ndct.nimh.nih.gov, NDCT)...

Extension of eRA Commons User IDs to Individuals in Graduate and Undergraduate Student Project Roles with Measurable Effort on an NIH Annual Progress Report (PHS2590 & RPPR)

Notice Number: NOT-OD-13-097- Key Dates - Release Date: August 2, 2013
Issued by National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Reminder:
Last August the NIH started requiring an eRA Commons ID for all individuals in graduate and undergraduate student roles who participate in NIH-funded projects for at least one person month or more. That information appears on NIH progress reports, including those submitted on paper using the DHHS Public Health Service Grant Continuation Progress Report (PHS2590, rev. 8/2012), and electronically using the Research Performance Progress Report RPPR, rev. 08/2012). **Beginning in October 2014,** RPPRs lacking the eRA Commons ID for Graduate and Undergraduate Students will receive an error and the RPPR will not be accepted by the NIH without this information.
Dear Colleagues:

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs invite supplemental funding requests from current SBIR/STTR Phase II awards that aim to:

- Give high school students a mentored research experience designed to increase their interest in pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and
- Broaden participation of high school students, particularly those underrepresented in STEM (women, Hispanics, African-Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians Natives and persons with disabilities)...

Today the National Science Foundation (NSF) released a robust toolkit that includes new videos, infographics, fact sheets and brochures that describe NSF investments in fundamental research and how they contribute to the nation's science and engineering enterprise...
NSF FY 2015 Budget Request to Congress

The FY 2015 Budget Request for the National Science Foundation (NSF) continues the tradition of a thoughtful and strategic balance between core research activities both within and across disciplinary boundaries and activities that address emerging areas and clearly identified national priorities.

Bolstering and advancing the types of core investments that have been central to the agency's past success reflects a wise stewardship of NSF's federal funding and ensures a strong return on taxpayer investment. In addition, specific investments identified for FY 2015 align NSF's portfolio with overarching challenges and opportunities facing the Nation.

This balanced approach ensures that NSF will continue to foster research that catalyzes the development of scientific discovery, promotes creation of new knowledge, and builds human capacity for the workforce of tomorrow.

House Passes FY 2015 CJS Appropriations Act; Provides NSF with a 3 Percent Increase

On May 30, the House of Representatives finished its consideration of H.R. 4660, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations for FY 2015. The final vote in favor of passage was 321 - 87.

NSF's overall appropriated level would be $7.394 billion, an increase of $222.3 million (3 percent) over our current operating levels (CP), and $139 million (1.9 percent) above the President's request.

An amendment was adopted that reduced the Agency Oversight and Award Management (AOAM) account by $10 million and added it to strengthening the national instant background check system. An earlier amendment adopted in the Appropriations Committee consideration, further reduced the account by $5 million to aid in salmon recovery efforts...
Senior Executive Institute
October 2014, Coronado California

This Senior Executive Institute (SEI) is designed for and will be guided by individuals at the upper levels of administration within higher education and the non-profit and for-profit research communities. The SEI will provide learning and sharing opportunities on issues of critical importance to U.S. and international leaders above the director-middle management level who are facing a challenging and opportunity-filled period.

The program includes formal presentations by experienced upper level decision-makers as well as ample opportunity for peer to peer interaction and discussion about current and emerging hot topics identified by SEI participants. Key discussion points on these issues as well as policy recommendations generated by the group during the SEI will be transcribed and submitted on behalf of all participants for publication in SRA’s Journal. Networking opportunities between and among participants and SRA’s Executive Committee and Board will be included throughout the two day institute...

NCURA 56th Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 10, 2014 - Thursday, August 14, 2014
NCURA 56th Annual Meeting - The Evolution of Research Administration, Facing the Future, together...
**2-day In-person Seminar**

**Human Subjects Protection, Ethical Research and Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)**

**Location**: Miami | September 18th & 19th 2014 | 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Venue**: Courtyard Miami Downtown

**Overview:**

This two day seminar will provide the foundation for the application, concepts and theories of clinical research. Within the two days, attendees will learn about the historical evolution of research, current regulations and guidelines including the Common Rule, FDA regulations and HIPAA.

We will discuss site and study staff responsibilities in the conduct and reporting of research, types of studies and the regulatory requirements that apply to different study designs.

We will discuss a variety of research including genetic, drug, device, and studies that use off-site or community partners. Current examples will be used and the audience will be invited to share their experiences and information...
Transportation of Laboratory Animals

Don’t miss the ILAR Roundtable’s second workshop on the Transportation of Laboratory Animals

September 3-4, 2014—The event will be webcast

Statement of Task:

A National Research Council appointed committee of experts will plan and conduct a public workshop to examine critical issues relating to the transportation of research animals. Invited speakers will address the challenges of transporting laboratory animals humanely and safely to ensure adequate supply for biomedical research in the face of increasing societal opposition to the domestic and international movement of these animals...

September 2014 Regional Meeting

Overview:

On September 8-11, 2014, PRIM&R will offer three highly-acclaimed educational programs: Institutional Review Board (IRB) 101<sup>sm</sup>, IRB Administrator 101, and Essentials of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Administration. These programs will be co-hosted by PRIM&R and The Ohio State University.

The program will take place at The Ohio Union at Ohio State University, 1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43210...
A Conference on Post-Trial Responsibilities: Ethics and Implementation

Wasserstein Hall, Milstein East AB, 1585 Massachusetts Ave.,
Cambridge, MA 02138, USA

The MRCT Center at Harvard and the Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School are proud to co-host

A Conference on Post-Trial Responsibilities: Ethics and Implementation

Background: Law, policy, and guidance are vague, sometimes conflicting, and generally lacking in concrete solutions for questions regarding post-trial responsibilities. The issues are complex and demand thoughtful discourse to move the clinical trial enterprise towards meaningful solutions.

Areas that currently lack clarity include:

- What types of interventions or resources should be included within post-trial responsibilities?
- What is a reasonable duration for post-trial responsibilities to extend?
- What is the mission and purpose of various stakeholders in the conduct of clinical research and how do these roles intersect with post-trial access responsibilities...

RESEARCH FOR LUNCH

The Research for Lunch program is now scheduling for the fall. If you are interested in taking part in Research for Lunch and presenting your research, please email Kelly Ruszkiewicz, ORA, Rsch-SrvsGA8@uakron.edu. For more details, visit the Office of Research Administration blog.
Professional Development...continued:

2014 PLANNING AND BUDGETING FORUM
September 22-23, 2014
The Westin Denver Downtown
Denver, CO

OVERVIEW
This NACUBO forum is the “not to miss” event for business officers with planning and budgeting responsibilities. Concurrent sessions address the latest techniques in higher education resource management. Presenters include experienced business officers and higher education strategists. This year’s topics address financial reserves, integrated benchmarking, performance metrics, capital planning, maximizing resources for student success, data driven decisions, effective communication, and more...

Budget Formulation
Aug 20 - 22, 2014 and Oct 08 - 10, 2014
An effective budget function supports the funding of federal agencies, allowing them to fulfill their mission and deliver their programs. Budget formulation is an essential step in the process of securing financial resources for the agency. Producing a solid budget submission also leads to better decision-making about future program activities and budget strategies. This course supports the successful preparation of budget submissions and compilation of cost data.

This course is designed for budget analysts and financial resource professionals who help prepare budget submissions and compile cost data as well as other information contributing to decisions about future program activities, funding, and budget strategies...
Scholarly journal retracts 60 articles, smashes ‘peer review ring’

Fred Barbash, July 10  Updated

Every now and then a scholarly journal retracts an article because of errors or outright fraud. In academic circles, and sometimes beyond, each retraction is a big deal.

Now comes word of a journal retracting 60 articles at once.

The reason for the mass retraction is mind-blowing: A "peer review and citation ring" was apparently rigging the review process to get articles published...
Throughout America, debates about what to do about the shortage of science, technology, engineering and math graduates have been going on for at least a decade from the halls of Congress to most university campuses. It apparently never occurred to any of the thought leaders who participated in them that they might be mistaken.

“The country has twice as many people with STEM degrees as there are STEM jobs,” Steven A. Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), said at the National Press Club on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. With Karen Zieigler, Camarota co-authored a study on the so-called STEM crisis.

The relatively apolitical Rand Institute, the liberal Urban Institute and the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute reached similar conclusions. “Rand found there’s no evidence such shortages have existed since at least 1990...

Ruling supports state law signed in 2012 that said GSRAs not public employees— TOM GANTERT, June 20, 2014

In another legal twist in the debate over whether college students can be unionized, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission ruled Thursday that graduate student research assistants are not public employees.

"We feel it's right and we are happy about it," said Layla Houshmand, a graduate student at the University of Michigan and a member of Students Against GSRA Unionization. "I'm in this for my own education and I never felt like a state employee."

Earlier this year, a federal judge declared unconstitutional a state law that said student research assistants were not public employees.

MERC, however, cited a similar ruling it made in 1981 that stated that graduate student research assistants were "working for themselves" and not the university and therefore were not public employees...
In Backlash over Facebook Research, Scientists Risk Loss of Valuable Resource
July 1, 2014 - Paul Voosen

It was a remarkable result: By manipulating the news feeds of thousands of Facebook users, without their knowing consent, researchers working with the goliath of social media found that they could spur a significant, if small, effect on people’s behavior in the world beyond bits.

The year was 2010. The scientists were poking at voting patterns in the U.S. midterm elections...

DoD Issues Proposed Rule Addressing Use of Animals in Research

The Department of Defense (DoD) is accepting comments until Aug. 25 on a proposed rule that would require contractors conducting research involving live vertebrate animals to make their facilities “available for inspection by appropriate officials.” Other changes to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) affect training using such animals. The draft rule also “proposes to prescribe inclusion of the clause at DFARS 252.235-7002 in solicitations and contracts involving research, development, test, and evaluation or training that uses live vertebrate animals,” according to a notice in the June 24 Federal Register.

Link: https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-14592
COGR, FDP Issue ‘University Perspectives’ on Uniform Guidance

The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) and the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) have issued a 35-page white paper summarizing issues of concern to the university community as the implementation of the new Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance goes forward. The document, posted June 4 on COGR’s Web page, reflects discussions the organizations had with federal agency representatives in April. A primary concern is lack of time for awardees to comply with new requirements, as agencies “expect to issue their implementing regulations in [an] October/November 2014 timeframe,” the document states. In most instances, compliance will be required on Dec. 26. Thus far, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is the only agency to issue its proposed plans for implementation, which are now available for comment (RRC 6/14, p. 1). Other problematic issues are changes to internal controls, compensation and effort reporting, performance measures and fixed awards, as well as new conflict of interest policies that agencies are required to impose.

Link: http://www.cogr.edu/viewDoc.cfm?DocID=152044

OHRP Pushes Common Rule Rewrite to September (6/12/14)

The HHS Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) has further delayed the anticipated date for a proposed regulation revising the Common Rule — the new date is sometime in September of this year. That’s according to the spring “unified agenda” published late last month by the Office of Management and Budget, which lists various stages of regulations being drafted by federal agencies. The fall agenda, published in November 2013, estimated the proposed rule, called “Human Subjects Research Protections: Enhancing Protections for Research Subjects and Reducing Burden, Delay, and Ambiguity for Investigators,” would be out this past April. A proposed regulation would follow an advance notice of proposed rule making (ANPRM) on this topic that was published in July 2011 (RRC 3/14, p. 7). The ANPRM generated significant interest, with more than 1,000 comments submitted in response that took OHRP more than a year to review (RRC 8/12, p. 3).

Link: http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaViewRule?pubId=201404&RIN=1505-AC48
Federal Acquisition Regulation; Limitation on Allowable Government Contractor Compensation Costs

Action - Interim Rule

Summary

DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) toimplement section 702 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. In accordance with section 702, the interim rule revises the allowable cost limit relative to the compensation of contractor and subcontractor employees.

Also, in accordance with section 702, this interim rule implements the possible exception to this allowable cost limit for scientists, engineers, or other specialists upon an agency determination that such exceptions are needed to ensure that the executive agency has continued access to needed skills and capabilities...

OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement 2014

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has made the Compliance Supplement available in two commonly used formats, Microsoft Word and PDF (viewable with Adobe Acrobat Reader). This has been done in order to make this information as readily available as possible. OMB does not necessarily endorse these products or their companies...
OIG Semi Annual Report to Congress
October 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

By the end of the first half of fiscal 2014, the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) had not yet resolved 64 audits, including two published in June 2013 involving universities, according to its recently issued spring semiannual report to Congress covering agency highlights from Oct. 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014.

Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement

A Notice by the Management and Budget Office on 05/22/2014

Action

Notice Of Availability Of The 2014 Omb Circular A 133 Compliance Supplement.

Summary

This notice announces the availability of the 2014 OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement (Supplement). The notice also offers interested parties an opportunity to comment on the 2014 Supplement. The 2014 Supplement adds five new programs, which are added to existing clusters. It deletes 17 programs and has also been updated for program changes and technical corrections...

The Office of Research Administration is Now on Twitter!

Find out about research grant opportunities by following: [http://www.uakron.edu/research/ora](http://www.uakron.edu/research/ora)

The ORA (Office of Research Administration) is currently planning its 2014-15 education schedule. If there is a particular topic that you would like to see presented in the next academic year, we want to hear from you!

Contact Kelly Ruszkiewicz: 330-972-7774  e mail: RschSrsvsGA8@uakron.edu

Do you have an idea or know someone who would like to receive GRANT?

Contact me: Mary Samartgedes 330-972-7666