Office of Research News & Notes

Funding Agency Updates

Clarification to National Institutes of Health (NIH) Continuous Submission Policy

The NIH has a continuing submission policy that provides members of review and advisory groups and reviewers with recent substantial service the ability to submit R01, R21, and R34 applications at any time for active funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) that have standard due dates.

To read more about continuous submission eligibility and process, see NIH Notice NOT-OD-17-042.

NIH Announces Request for Information (RFI) for Public Comment on Processes for database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP)

The NIH is seeking public comment on the data submission and access processes for the NIH National Center for Biotechnology (NCBI) dbGaP. Comment is also being sought on the management of data in dbGaP to streamline processes and maximize its use and utility.

Click here to view the complete RFI and instructions on how to comment. Responses will be accepted through April 7, 2017.

University of Pittsburgh News

Vote for Your Favorite Name for the New Electronic Research Management Solution

Development of the University-wide electronic research management solution is under way, and now is your opportunity to help name it! The project team received many entries from across the University, and it is time to cast your vote.

Visit the project website to vote for your favorite name and to stay informed on the project's progress. Voting is currently open and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017. The winner will be notified on March 17, 2017.

Committee of Research Administrators (CoRA) Kicks Off at Pitt

CoRA is a new committee at the University charged by the Vice Provost for Research with the mission of facilitating the recertification process for University of Pittsburgh Certified Research Administrators (CRAs), Certified Pre-Award Administrators (CPRAs), and/or Certified Financial Research Administrators (CFRAs). CoRA's objectives include:

- Inform current CRAs of internal and external seminars, webinars, and training opportunities that can potentially count for CRA recertification contact hours
- To organize and facilitate contact hour opportunities
- To offer mentorship to newly certified CRAs
- To provide a forum for discussing and facilitating other professional development opportunities for research administrators
- To provide instruction, as needed, in University of Pittsburgh CRA preparatory classes

Visit the CoRA website to learn more about the committee, contact information, and upcoming training opportunities.