Office of Research News & Notes

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Provide Clarification on the Reporting of Preprints and Interim Research Products

Effective May 25, 2017, the NIH will start allowing investigators to cite interim research products in applications and claim them as products of NIH awards in their progress report publication list. The NIH defines interim research products as "complete, public research products that are not final," and they include items such as preprints and preregistered protocols.

Since many journals do not allow prepublication of findings other than in abstracts, Pitt investigators should refer to a journal's instructions for authors before citing or claiming an interim research product.

See NIH Notice NOT-OD-17-050 for more information on interim research products.

NIH Issues Guidance on Procedures to Reflect Postdoctoral Trainee Stipend Increases in xTrain

Trainees on Kirschstein-NRSA institutional training grants (T32, T35, T90, TL1) who received supplemental funding for stipend increases in response to NIH Notice NOT-OD-17-002 must properly reflect the adjustments to their appointment records in xTrain.

Training grant awardees meeting the criteria established in NOT-OD-17-002 are reminded that they must submit applications by June 30, 2017 to receive supplemental funding to accommodate the stipend level increase.

See NIH Notice NOT-OD-17-057 for more details.

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Revised Early Account Request (EAR) Form Now Available to Use

As part of streamlining processes in the Office of Research, the Early Account Request (EAR) Form and its instructions have been updated, and the revised versions of both can be found on the Office of Research website in the Grants Management Section of the Forms page. An EAR Form should be submitted to the Office of Research to request an account number for an externally funded award *prior to* its receipt or full execution. It is at the discretion of the submitting department on whether to request an early account since the department will be responsible for any costs incurred if the award is not received or is less than anticipated.

Reminder: Upcoming Training Opportunities from the Office of Research

The Office of Research will be participating in Human Resources' Faculty Staff Development Program (FSDP), which was recently announced.

Office of Research Trainings Include:

<u>OFFICE OF RESEARCH ORIENTATION</u>

This workshop will orient those new to the University's research community to the mission and services of the University's Office of Research.

Date & Time:	Thursday, April 27, 2017 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location:	Office of Research Suite, Lower Level, B21 University Club

Who Should Attend: University of Pittsburgh research community members who are new to interacting with the Office of Research

BASICS OF FEDERAL CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

This workshop will offer a basic overview of the federal contract process including an orientation to locating, applying, and interpreting FAR clauses and the various steps of the federal contract award pathway. Please note that this session *does not cover grants*, only federal contracts.

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: 342 Craig Hall

Who Should Attend: Faculty and staff who support federal research funding activities, and staff charged with research administration support and related activities

For more details about the workshops and to register, click here.