

Office of Research News & Notes

Funding Agency Updates

National Science Foundation (NSF) Releasing Updates to FastLane

On January 30, 2017, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will be releasing updates to FastLane to support their policy updates in the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG). The updates include new and enhanced automated compliance checks on proposals, and the complete checklist can be found [here](#).

[Click here](#) for more details about the FastLane updates.

Publication of Final Common Rule

On January 18, 2017, sixteen (16) federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), issued a final rule that includes revisions to “modernize, strengthen, and make more effective the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects that was originally promulgated as a Common Rule in 1991.” The rule takes effect on January 19, 2018 except for cooperative research, which has a compliance date of January 20, 2020.

The final rule is published in the [Federal Register](#), and DHHS provided a summary of the changes [here](#).

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Implementation of the Interim-RPPR for Renewal Applications

The NIH is updating the timeframe for implementation of the Interim Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR).

Effective February 9, 2017, recipient organizations will be required to submit an “Interim-RPPR” if they have submitted a renewal application on or before the date by which a Final-RPPR would be required (see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-17-022](#)). Therefore, the NIH will discontinue their policy for renewal applications whereby the progress report contained in the renewal application may serve in lieu of a separate final progress report. Recipients must still adhere to the new requirements to report on Project outcomes in the Interim-RPPR. If the renewal application is funded, the Interim-RPPR will serve as an annual performance report. If the renewal application is not funded, the Interim-RPPR will serve as the Final-RPPR for the Project.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-17-037](#) for full details on the NIH implementation of the Interim-RPPR.