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New Associate Director for Grants Management Team

Effective Monday, June 3, 2019, Zack Byrnes will be the new Associate Director for Grants Management & Contracting. Since 2014, Zack has been working in the Office of Research in various roles of increasing responsibility, including most recently as a Federal Contracts Officer. Please join the Office of Research in congratulating Zack on his new role.

PERIS™ MyFunding Topic-Specific Trainings

The PERIS™ Team continues to offer topic-specific trainings for research administrators throughout the Spring and Summer.

Topic	Session Date	Session Time	Session location
Requesting Subaccounts and Generating Budgets	June 4, 2019	10:00-11:30 AM	102 Benedum
Phase 2 Questions and Answers	June 11, 2019	10:00-11:30 AM	102 Benedum
Notifications	June 25, 2019	10:00-11:30 AM	102 Benedum
Progress Reports and Continuations	July 2, 2019	10:00-11:30 AM	102 Benedum

No registration is required to attend. To contact the PERIS™ Team, please email peristeam@pitt.edu.

To schedule follow-up or department-specific training, please contact Eric Larson at elarson@pitt.edu.

To stay up-to-date on PERIS™ alerts and information, please [sign up for the PERIS™ listserv](#).

Funding Agency Updates

National Science Foundation Changes Profile Data Location

Effective, May 20, 2019, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has moved its Demographic Information site from FastLane to the Research.gov Account Management site so that profile data can be managed in one location.

To view or edit your NSF profile information, sign in to [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov) and click on “My Profile” located at the top of the screen. Demographic information is voluntary. NSF requests demographic information to gauge whether their programs and opportunities are fairly reaching and benefiting everyone regardless of demographic category.

Instructions and screenshots for editing profile information can be found [here](#). Frequently Asked Questions about NSF Account Management can be found [here](#).

NSF Publishes Draft of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) for Comment

The NSF is accepting comments from the external community for its draft of the PAPPG until July 29, 2019. The draft PAPPG is available to view [here](#). Revised text has been highlighted in yellow throughout the document and explanatory comments have been included in the margins, where appropriate.

[Click here](#) to view the published notice in the Federal Register.

National Institutes of Health New Required Use of the xTRACT System for Training Grant Progress Reports

Beginning with RPPRs due on or after October 1, 2019, NIH award recipients must create the required training data tables for submission with NIH and AHRQ T15, T32, T90/R90, and TL1 progress reports via the xTRACT system. Guidance on preparing the required tables for the RPPR are available in the [xTRACT User Guide](#) and on the [Data Tables](#) website.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-19-108](#) for more details.

NIH Redesigns eRA Website

On April 30, 2019, the NIH launched a revamped eRA website that serves as an informational gateway to applicants, grantees, and reviewers. The site provides information on navigating:

- eRA Commons
- ASSIST
- IAR
- xTrain
- xTRACT

[Click here](#) to visit the NIH eRA website. For more information about the highlights, [click here](#).