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Office of Sponsored Programs News

InfoEd Retirement

InfoEd, the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) legacy application to view archived proposal and award records, will be retired on March 31, 2021. Departmental administrators are advised to download any attachments or information that they would like prior to the March 31 deadline. OSP will continue to have the data and information that were stored in InfoEd for reporting purposes. Requests for any data or reports following InfoEd retirement should be directed via email to Dr. Jennifer Woodward, Vice Chancellor for Sponsored Programs and Research Operations.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Announces Upcoming Changes to the Biographical Sketch and Other Support Format Page

For applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs) due on or after May 25, 2021, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will require new formats for both the biographical sketch (biosketch) and the Other Support documents. Effective May 25, 2021, the NIH will also require:

- Supporting documentation, which includes copies of contracts, grants or any other agreement specific to senior/key personnel foreign appointments and/or employment with a foreign institution for all foreign activities and resources that are reported in Other Support. If the contracts, grants or other agreements are not in English, recipients must provide translated copies.
- Immediate notification of undisclosed Other Support. When a recipient organization discovers that a PI or other Senior/Key personnel on an active NIH grant failed to disclose Other Support information outside of Just-in-Time or the RPPR, as applicable, the recipient must submit updated Other Support to the Grants Management Specialist named in the Notice of Award as soon as it becomes known.

For more details about the changes to the NIH biosketch and Other Support, see NIH Notice NOT-OD-21-073.

NIH - Requesting Extensions for Early Career Scientists Whose Career Trajectories Have Been Significantly Impacted by COVID-19

The NIH is providing an opportunity for recipients of NIH Fellowship ("F") and NIH Career Development ("K") awards who have been impacted by COVID-19 to request extensions. Both no-cost extensions and funded extensions may be requested.

See NIH Notice NOT-OD-21-052 for more details.

Childcare Costs for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellows

The NIH will begin providing childcare support to recipients of NRSA fellowships beginning April 8, 2021. The NRSA childcare costs apply to full-time NIH-NRSA-supported fellowship positions. Each fellow is eligible to receive $2,500 per budget period for costs for childcare provided by a licensed childcare provider. For households where both parents are NRSA fellows, each parent is eligible to receive $2,500.

For instructions on requesting the childcare costs, see NIH Notice NOT-OD-21-074, and see the related FAQs for additional details.

Department of Defense FY21 Policy on the Inclusion of Women and Minorities in Clinical Research

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced a new FY21 Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) Policy on the Inclusion of Women and Minorities in Clinical Research. It is the policy of CDMRP that women and individuals from minority groups be included in all CDMRP-funded clinical research studies, unless there is a clear, justifiable rationale that it is inappropriate with respect to the health of the subjects or the purpose of the research.

To read more about the policy and see FAQs, visit the "Resources and Reference Material" section on the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) (https://eBRAP.org).

National Science Foundation Electronic Research Administration Forum Webinar

On March 31, 2021, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will have an Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum Webinar. Registration is now open.

The topics for this Forum webinar will cover *Research.gov Modernization Updates and Proposal Preparation Demo Site: Available Functionalities for Proposers, Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).*

See the NSF website for more information about the NSF ERA Forum Webinar.