

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

Reduced Operations on 6/25/2021

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will have reduced operations on Friday, June 25, 2021 in order to inventory and prepare for the new fiscal year. For urgent activities on that day, OSP will provide the necessary services to meet sponsor-deadlines.

Please let OSP know about any anticipated processing requirements for June 25 by one of the following ways:

- Alert your [OSP contact](#) prior to June 25
- Include “Urgent” in your email or in-system communication subject line for all electronic correspondence

Thank you in advance

Funding Agency Updates

Revised Uniform Guidance FAQs

On May 3, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) posted a revised set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to the Uniform Guidance for Grants (2 CFR). The FAQs provide “additional context and background behind the Uniform Guidance for Federal agencies and non-Federal entities seeking to understand the policy changes.”

See the revised [OMB FAQs](#) for more details.

Acknowledging Support from National Institutes of Health

National Institutes of Health (NIH) award recipients are required to acknowledge federal funding when publicly communicating projects or programs funded with Health and Human Services (HHS) funds. NIH awardees should acknowledge NIH awards when:

- The activities that contributed to that publication directly arise from the award **and**
- Are within the scope of the award being acknowledged

See the [Extramural Nexus post](#) and the related NIH webpage, [Communicating and Acknowledging Federal Funding](#) for more details.

NIH Grants Policy Statement for FY 2021

The NIH published on April 20, 2021 a revised Grants Policy Statement (GPS) for Fiscal Year 2021. The GPS serves as NIH standard terms and conditions for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements. The revised GPS is applicable for NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2020.

See NIH [Notice NOT-OD-21-107](#), and review the [changes and full text of the GPS](#).

Subscribe to NIH Open Mike

Dr. Michael Lauer is the NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, and he serves as the principal scientific leader and advisor to the NIH Director on the NIH extramural research program. Dr. Lauer aims to connect people to the NIH perspective through his blog [Open Mike](#). Blog posts include the NIH's perspective on newly published policies, sharing feedback received from researchers, and sharing data about NIH funded research.

Individuals can subscribe to receive Open Mike emails through the [NIH website](#), where after entering your email, you can choose to receive real time updates or monthly newsletters.

American Heart Association No-Cost Extension Threshold

The American Heart Association (AHA) will no longer accept no-cost extension requests for balances under \$5,000. If at the end of the project's period of performance the award has a remaining balance of \$5,000 or less, the balance should be returned to the AHA. If the final payment has not been paid to the grantee, the unspent balance may be deducted from AHA's final payment.

See the [AHA Award Guide](#) for more information about AHA award management.
