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University News

Dependent Care Reimbursement with Externally Sponsored Awards

Recently, external funding agencies, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), have made certain types of dependent care expenses allowable on sponsored projects with the appropriate supporting documentation. Each agency and award have unique dollar limits.

The NIH published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to childcare costs, and they address topics such as eligibility, allowable costs, and how to submit a request.

See the Purchase, Pay, & Travel website and NIH Notice NOT-OD-21-177 for more information. The NIH also has a podcast on NIH Family Friendly Policies.

Upcoming Health Sciences Library Sessions

The Health Sciences Library System (HSLS) is offering the following upcoming sessions related to the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing and a session on iThenticate.

> Preparing for the New NIH Data Management & Sharing Plan: Session 1 -- Elements, Costs, & Tools
> Date: 2/14/2022
> Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
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> Preparing for the New NIH Data Management & Sharing Plan: Session 2 -- Where to Share Data
> Date: 3/28/2022
> Time: 11:00am to 12:00pm
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> Preparing for the New NIH Data Management & Sharing Plan: Session 3 -- Documentation, Metadata, and the "How" of Deposit
> Date: 4/22/2022
> Time: 1:00pm to 2:30pm
>
> iThenticate for Grant Proposals
> Date: 4/28/2022
> Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health News

National Institutes of Health Release Guidance for FY22 Salary Cap

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released on February 10, 2022 the increase in salary cap from $199,300 to $203,700 for Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale .

NIH grantees may rebudget to accommodate the new salary cap for awards issued in specific years that were restricted to Executive Level II, but no additional funds will be provided to the grant awards to accommodate salary increases.

PERIS™ MyFunding has been updated to reflect the new salary cap.

See NIH Notice NOT-OD-22-076 and the Salary Cap Summary for more details.

Tips for the Next Generation of Researchers

NIH trainees, graduate students, post-docs, or faculty in the early stages of their career may be interested in the recording of a presentation from the 2021 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in which prominent NIH leaders offer a variety of tips for junior investigators and discuss funding targets for early state investigators, recommendations for at-risk investigators, getting that second R01, and more.

For more information, see the NIH Extramural Nexus post.

Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement for FY 2022

The revised NIH Grants Policy Statement (NIHGPS) has been published, replacing the April 2021 version as standard terms and conditions of award. This revision applies to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2021.

Access the NIHGPS in HTML or PDF formats, and take a look at the summary of significant changes for this revision. Prior versions of the NIHGPS can be found on our NIH Grants Policy Statement page.

For more details, see the full Guide Notice.

New Resource for Implementing the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing

On January 25, 2021, the NIH released FAQs related to its Policy for Data Management and Sharing.

To learn more about the NIH approach to implementing the DMS Policy and next steps, see the latest "Under the Poliscope" blog post by Dr. Lyric Jorgenson: *Gearing Up for 2023: Implementing the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy*

National Science Foundation News

National Science Foundation Disclosures Table

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued an updated version of the table entitled *NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support*. The updated table dated January 10, 2022, includes information regarding start-up packages provided by proposing organizations as well as outside organizations.