

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

New University Policy: Gifts That Support Projects

The Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) and the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will be presenting a webinar on the new University of Pittsburgh Policy [AO 46 Gifts that Support Projects](#), which became effective on March 21, 2022.

This session will cover background on the policy, review related processes for working with CFR and OSP, and provide helpful resources for faculty and staff.

[Register for the Zoom session](#) on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 1:00pm – 2:00pm**

OSP Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) Sessions

OSP is offering Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) workshops this Spring through the [Research Administration track](#). There is still time to register for the following OSP workshops:

Introduction to Grants Management Services	Tuesday, May 10, 2022	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Introduction to MyRA for Non-Financial Agreements	Tuesday, May 17, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Introduction to Fee-For-Service in OSP	Monday, May 23, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Awards	Tuesday, May 24, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Introduction to Subaward Administration	Wednesday, June 1, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Workshop descriptions and registration information can be found on the Office of Human Resources (OHR) [FSDP website](#).

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Introduces New Scientific Data Sharing Website

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) have a [new website on Scientific Data Sharing](#). It provides information on data sharing policies that apply to different types of research and step-by-step guides to help navigate the policies. NIH also plans to add resources, such as sample sharing plans and additional [FAQs](#), in preparation for the new NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy coming in January 2023.

See the [NIH Extramural Nexus post](#) for more information about the new website.

NIH Extends Special Exception to the Post-Submission Material Policy

For applications submitted for the January 2023 Council rounds (beginning with applications submitted for the May 25, 2022 due date), the NIH, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will accept a one-page update with preliminary data as post-submission materials for applications submitted under all activity codes, ONLY if the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) used for submission allowed preliminary data in the application. One page of preliminary data will be accepted for single component applications or for each component of a multi-component application.

See [NIH Notice NOT-OD-22-113](#) for more details.

NIH Adds New and Updated Other Support FAQs

The NIH has added the following questions to their [Other Support FAQs page](#):

- [The new Other Support format page includes a chart that asks for the Year \(YYYY\). Is this calendar year or fiscal year?](#) **NEW**
- [Is updated pending support required at the time of RPPR or just during competing application submission?](#) **NEW**
- [If only pending support has changed since the competing submission or latest RPPR, is updated Other Support required in the next RPPR submission?](#) **NEW**
- [SF 424 Guide for Mentors Current and Pending support limits the attachment to 3 pages. Is the page limit still in affect with the new guidance?](#) **NEW**
- [With the new Other Support format page, are pending grants now required on Other Support pages submitted for RPPRs?](#) **NEW**
- [Do current funded grants need to update their Other Support form on Jan 25, 2022 using the new form?](#) **NEW**
- [For the Total Award Amount, what is considered the Period of Performance, the Budget Period or the Project Period?](#) **NEW**
- [What funding amounts and dates should be listed for grants in no-cost extensions, grants with supplements, grants on bridge funding, etc.?](#) **NEW**
- [If an Other Support document was correct at time of submission but a new source of support is received, does an updated other support document need to be submitted at that time?](#) **NEW**
- [Do PD/PI's have to report on consulting arrangements or other internal contracts, such as retention agreements, that are within their home institution's contract/agreement?](#) **NEW**
- [Do PD/PI's need to report effort for the current year or for all years?](#) **NEW**
- [Why does NIH require disclosure of total costs in award amount?](#) **NEW**
- [If a PD/PI has no effort on a project but does have salary support, should it be reported in the In-Kind section?](#) **NEW**
- [Does NIH have additional guidance on how to best estimate the value of In-Kind items such as intellectual collaborations or a difficult to value samples?](#) **NEW**
- [Does a PD/PI need to provide supporting documentation for a research contract listed on their Other Support in which the Sponsor is a domestic \(U.S.\) subsidiary of a foreign organization?](#) **NEW**
- [If a PI has a partial appointment at a foreign institution and holds grants at that foreign institution, does NIH want copies of the foreign appointment contract AND copies of any grant agreements the PI has at the foreign institution?](#) **NEW**
- [Does supporting documentation need to be provided for foreign affiliations reported only in the biosketch, not in other support?](#) **NEW**
- [Do PD/PI's need to provide copies of foreign grants, contracts, and agreements that are still pending and not yet finalized?](#) **NEW**
- [Is there guidance on who can and cannot perform the translation of foreign contracts?](#) **NEW**

Investigators and research administrators are encouraged to check the [NIH Other Support site](#) often as additional resources and guidance are added.

National Science Foundation Updates Current and Pending Support Guidance

On April 20, 2022, the National Science Foundation (NSF) updated the table [NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support](#). The table updates information on postdoctoral scholars, students, or visiting scholars and differentiates between research activities that are intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed and those that are not. A definition of honorarium also has been added to the table. In addition, the [Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Current and Pending Support](#) have been updated with new questions.
