

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

Webinar for New NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing

The Health Sciences Library System (HSL) and the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) are offering a new virtual webinar: “New NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing”. The goal of this session is to educate participants about the National Institutes of Health (NIH) data management and sharing policy ([NOT-OD-21-013](#)) going into effect on January 25, 2023.

The webinar will be held on **Thursday, October 27, 2022, 9:00am – 10:30am**. [Registration](#) is required. Registered participants will receive email confirmations with a Zoom link.

OSP Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) Sessions

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

Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Proposals	Tuesday, October 25, 2022	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Introduction to Grants Management Services	Friday, October 28, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Gifts That Support Projects Policy Review	Thursday, November 3, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to MyRA for Non-Financial Agreements	Tuesday, November 8, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to Subaward Administration	Wednesday, November 9, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Awards	Tuesday, November 15, 2022	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Introduction to Fee-For-Service in OSP	Wednesday, November 30, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Basics of Federal Contract Administration	Wednesday, December 7, 2022	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Corporate and Foundation Relations Guidance Available for Certain Sponsors’ Indirect Cost Policies

Many local and regional foundations that support research have policies regarding indirect costs for research projects. The [Office Corporate and Foundation Relations](#) (CFR) maintains a [list of organizations and their indirect costs policies](#) along with guidance on whether an indirect costs waiver is needed. Research administrators and faculty are encouraged to review the list to assist with budget planning.

Questions about the indirect cost list can be directed to pae-cfr@pitt.edu.

Pitt Research Updates

Updated CITI Conflict of Interest Training Table Form

On September 30, 2022, the Office of Research Protections Conflict of Interest Division updated the [CITI Conflict of Interest \(COI\) Training Table form](#), which is required at the time of award..

This CITI COI Training Table Form is used to identify [investigators](#) in a project and to list their CITI COI training completion dates to ensure compliance with investigator COI training and disclosure requirements.

The Principal Investigator (PI), or an individual authorized on their behalf, must complete and upload this form to [MyFunding](#) at the time of award **and** anytime a new investigator is added to an ongoing project. The form is required for all types of sponsored program awards and fee-for-service agreements.

Investigators are encouraged to learn more about investigator [COI training requirements](#). For question on the form, training requirements, or process, contact the Office of Research Protections Conflict of Interest Division at MyDisclosures_Support@pitt.edu.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Announce Center for Scientific Review Strategic Plan

On September 20, 2022, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for Scientific Review (CSR) released a [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#). CSR states their primary goal is “to ensure that peer review identifies the strongest, most promising science, depends upon an evaluation process that is fair, independent, expert, timely and free from inappropriate influences.” The Strategic Plan includes the following additional goals:

Goal 1: Maintain scientific review groups that provide appropriate scientific coverage and review settings for all of NIH science.

Goal 2: Further develop a large cadre of diverse, well-trained, and scientifically qualified experts to serve as reviewers.

Goal 3: Further develop an outstanding, engaged, and diverse staff.

Goal 4: Implement changes to the peer review process to make it more fair, effective, and efficient.

Goal 5: Achieve our mission through transparency, engagement with the scientific community and a data-driven approach to decision-making.

CSR is welcoming feedback on their initiatives and can be contacted at communications@csr.nih.gov. See the [NIH announcement](#) for more information.

NIH Webinar on International Collaborations

On November 9, 2022, the NIH will host a virtual event entitled, “International Collaborations: Policies, Processes, & Partnerships.” This session will provide tools and guidance to those interested in partnering with foreign entities and those already partnering with them. The event will include presentations, case studies and live Q&A.

[Registration](#) is free, and the event will be recorded and posted 5-7 business days after the event. For more information, visit the [NIH Extramural Nexus post](#).
