Pitt Research | Office of Sponsored Programs

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

Proposal Submission Deadlines around Winter Recess

Due to the University Winter Recess closure, the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will be closed:

Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2, 2023

All proposals with deadlines that fall within Winter Recess should be submitted to OSP at least 4 business days before the first day of break. Additionally, proposals with due dates that fall within the first 3 days after a holiday break should be submitted prior to the break to allow at least 4 business days for review and submission to the Sponsor.

Example: A proposal is due to the Sponsor on Wednesday, December 28. The proposal should be routed to OSP *and* certified by the PI in MyFunding by no later than Monday, December 19.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Releases FORMS-H

For National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant applications due on or after January 25, 2023, the use of FORMS-H will be required. The NIH created the following resources to help investigators and administrators prepare:

- How to Apply – Application Guide
- Annotated Forms Sets
- High-level Summary of Form Changes in FORMS-H Application Packages
- Do I Have the Right Form Version For My Application?
- Applying Electronically FAQs

For more information, see the NIH Extramural Nexus post and NIH Notice NOT-OD-23-012.

Free Crash Course in NIH Funding

The NIH is offering a free virtual live event on February 1-2, 2023 for people interested in understanding NIH processes and procedures. NIH experts will share policies, resources, guidance, and case studies. The NIH notes the following highlights participants can expect:

- **"Learn** about NIH grants policies! The jam-packed agenda offers 2 days of sessions designed to clarify the NIH grants process and policies, and opportunities to engage with presenters through Q&A and chat features.
- **Interact** with NIH experts! the 1:1 Meet the Experts which are 20-minute chats between attendees and NIH staff, designed for more specific research and administrative questions.
- **Engage** and network with your peers! The attendee search feature allows you to filter through over 13,000 attendees to network and connect with colleagues. Networking Lounges are also available for attendees to share tips and attend special events.

- **Gather** resources to use and share with colleagues! Explore the Exhibit Hall, where you'll encounter NIH staff and an abundance of resources located at over 45 NIH Institute, Center, and Special Program booths."

For more details and registration information, see the NIH Extramural Nexus Post.

REMINDER: New NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy Taking Effect January 2023

The new NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing will go into effect on January 25, 2023 (see NIH NOT-OD-21-013). NIH staff compiled the following twelve resources as investigators and administrators prepare applications:

- "1-page flyer on the who, what, where, and when of the DMS Policy
- 2-part webinar series on understanding the DMS Policy and digging deeper into what's required
- 3 key steps to implement the DMS Policy
- 4 sample DMS Plans to assist as you develop a plan for your research, and an optional format page
- 5 minutes is all it takes to determine what sharing policies apply to your research with this decision tool
- 6 elements recommended for a robust DMS Plan, a key component for your funding application
- 7 examples of allowable costs for data management and sharing
- 8+ slides in our Implementing the DMS Policy slide deck
- Fewer than 9 key differences between the 2003 data sharing policy vs. the new DMS policy, illustrated on the policy comparison table
- 10 activities that generally do and do not generate scientific data, including a complete list of activity codes generally subject to the DMS Policy
- 11+ FAQs to address your questions, and who to contact for more information
- Dozens of NIH-supported data repositories and resources to help you find an appropriate repository for your research"

See the related NIH Extramural Nexus post and the NIH website for Scientific Data Sharing for additional information and resources.

National Science Foundation Revises Award Terms and Conditions

The National Science Foundation (NSF) revised its Award Terms and Conditions for new NSF awards and funding amendments made on or after January 30, 2023.

Added to the terms and conditions is a new Article on Safe and Inclusive Work Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research. Additional revisions have been incorporated for consistency with the most recent *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG).