

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) Workshops

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

Introduction to the Office of Sponsored Programs	Wednesday, October 18, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Research Development	Tuesday, October 31, 2023	2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Introduction to Grants Management Services	Wednesday, November 1, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Basics of Federal Contract Administration	Thursday, November 2, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Clinical and Corporate Contract Basics	Friday, November 10, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Proposals	Tuesday, November 14, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to PERIS™ MyFunding Awards	Wednesday, November 15, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Introduction to MyRA for Non-Financial Agreements	Friday, November 17, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to Fee-For-Service	Thursday, December 14, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

New Process for Requesting Outgoing Subawards

As of October 9, 2023, *new* subaward requests must be submitted and processed in MyRA. Requests to amend active subawards will continue to be received and processed in Contraxx until Phase 2 of the system transition occurs at a later date.

A virtual training demo on the new subaward process will be offered at the following time:

- Thursday, October 26, 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm ([Click here to join the meeting](#))

See the new instructions, "[Creating an Outgoing Subaward Request](#)" for step-by-step guidance on how to initiate subaward requests in [MyRA](#).

For more details about the new subaward request process, see the related [OSP announcement](#).

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Announces Final Policy Guidance on Subaward Agreements

On September 15, 2023, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued [Notice NOT-OD-23-182](#), clarifying expectations for foreign subrecipients of NIH funding.

“Subaward agreements must stipulate that foreign subrecipients will provide **access to** copies of all lab notebooks, all data, and all documentation that supports the research outcomes as described in the progress report, to the primary recipient with a frequency of **no less than once per year**, in alignment with the timing requirements for Research Performance Progress Report submission.”

The notice also requires NIH award recipients to address this requirement in their existing foreign subaward agreements within 60 days of the NIH notice, which is by November 14, 2023. Pitt NIH grantees with foreign subrecipients should initiate a subaward amendment request as soon as possible in [Contraxx](#) to ensure compliance with NIH policy.

Additional guidance can be found on the Office of Extramural Research [Subaward Page](#) and on the NIH [FAQs](#) webpage.

Scheduled Grants.gov Downtime

Grants.Gov has a [scheduled extended downtime](#) from **Saturday, October 21, 2023 12:00 am ET to Tuesday, October 24, 2023 11:59 pm ET**. During the downtime, the following activities will be affected in the MyFunding [SF-424](#):

- Downloading and updating federal funding opportunities
- Submitting SF-424 applications to Grants.gov via System-to-System
- Status updates on submissions from Grants.gov
- Retrieval of the full list of applications submitted by an organization

To prepare for the Grants.gov extended downtime, download and update opportunities that you plan to work on during this period. For [System-to-System](#) proposal submissions due during the downtime, please complete and route final proposals to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) by no later than Tuesday, October 17 to adhere to OSP [internal submission deadlines](#).

National Science Foundation Adds Additional Product Types to Public Access Repository

Effective October 2, 2023, the National Science Foundation (NSF) made the following updates to their Public Access Repository (NSF-PAR) system:

- Conference proceedings and workshop reports are new product types in the NSF-PAR. The NSF-PAR search and filter feature has been updated to include all five supported product types.
- The streamlined NSF-PAR workflow includes easy-to-use add, update, and delete functionality for each product type.
- Journal articles, conference papers, and conference proceedings can be added to the NSF-PAR with or without a DOI.
- Journal article and conference paper metadata auto-populated using a DOI or entered manually in the NSF-PAR will be auto-populated in NSF project reports. Dataset metadata entered in the NSF-PAR with a DOI will also be auto-populated in NSF project reports.

More guidance and information will be available on the Research.gov [About Public Access](#) page and the [NSF Public Access Initiative](#) page, respectively.

NSF Investigators and Pitt's Friends of McNair Program

The Office of the Provost is encouraging Pitt investigators with NSF awards to consider mentoring undergraduate students through the [Friends of McNair Program](#). By applying for NSF REU Supplements, investigators can work with student scholars during an 8-week summer research intensive program.

See [more information about the Friends of McNair Program](#) or contact Dr. Carl Sell, Assistant Director of the TRIO McNair Scholars Program, at cbs72@pitt.edu with any questions.