

News and Notes

Office of Sponsored Programs News

Limited Submission Opportunities

Limited submissions are funding opportunities where the funder agency limits the number of applications an organization may submit. In these situations, Pitt is responsible for overseeing an internal competition to select the applications that best meet the requirements of the opportunity and have the best chance to be funded.

For information on how to submit pre-proposal applications for Limited Submissions opportunities, visit [Pitt's InfoReady site](#) or sign-up for [weekly funding e-mail announcements](#).

All questions, including how to apply for a Limited Submission opportunity not listed on InfoReady, should be directed to the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) [Research Development Team](#).

Pitt Research Concierge Program Launches New Website

The Pitt Research Concierge Program is designed to reduce administrative burden and promote ease of research at Pitt. A new website has recently launched, providing a convenient and centralized platform to access Concierge services. Current Research Concierge Program offerings are listed below, with new services being added in the coming months.

- The [Pitt Research Navigator](#) can help connect you to the campus-based resources and experts who can answer a wide-range of research-related questions.
- The [Proposal Editing Service](#) offers a full range of proofreading and copy-editing services for all types and sizes of proposals from faculty in all disciplines.

Learn more by visiting the [Pitt Research Concierge Program website](#).

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health Requires Commons ID for All Senior/Key Personnel

Effective January 25, 2024, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are requiring all personnel listed as Senior/Key or Other Significant Contributor to have an eRA Commons ID. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in an error during the application validation process that will prevent the application from being submitted to the NIH.

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) can assist with the creation of eRA Commons accounts. Please submit a [registration request](#) if you need an account to be created for you.

For more information on the NIH requirement, see [NIH notice NOT-OD-24-042](#).

NIH Closeout Notices

The NIH is taking stronger measures to enforce its award closeout requirements. NIH award recipients are required to submit timely final progress, expenditure, and invention reports. The NIH will initiate a unilateral closeout for all awards that do not have the final reports submitted within 120 days of the project period end date. Failure to submit timely reports can result in corrective actions such as suspending or terminating current grants and/or withholding further awards to the University.

For more information about NIH enforcement of closeout requirements, see [NIH notice NOT-OD-24-055](#) and the [related NIH Extramural Nexus post](#).

National Science Foundation Issues Revised Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide

The National Science Foundation (NSF) released a revised version of the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) on January 22, 2024. The revised guide is effective for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024.

In addition to providing a [summary of changes](#), NSF is also presenting the changes in a webinar on March 12, 2024. Those interested in attending can [register through the NSF website](#).

NSF Notice on Appropriate Use of Artificial Intelligence

On December 14, 2023, NSF posted a notice to the research community on acceptable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

- NSF reviewers are prohibited from uploading any content from proposals, review information and related records to non-approved generative AI tools.
- Proposers are encouraged to indicate in the project description the extent to which, if any, generative AI technology was used and how it was used to develop their proposal.

NSF will update the 2025 PAPPG to align with the latest guidance on appropriate use of AI. For additional information, [read the NSF notice](#).
