

# Office of Research News & Notes

## Funding Agency Updates

### National Institutes of Health (NIH) Operating Under a Continuing Resolution (CR), Affecting Funding Levels and Salary Cap

In [Notice NOT-OD-17-048](#), the NIH announced that they will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notices of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level) because of a CR that is in effect until April 28, 2017.

Although the Executive Level II salary cap was increased from \$185,100 to \$187,000 effective January 8, 2017, the NIH has announced that they will be providing additional guidance on their application of the salary cap once the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Appropriation for FY 2017 is enacted. Current NIH grantees are allowed to rebudget active awards to the new salary cap effective January 8, 2017 provided they have adequate funds and it is consistent with the institutional base salary. Note that the NIH will not be providing *additional* funds to cover the increased salary cap for existing grant awards. See NIH [Notice NOT-OD-17-049](#) for more details on the NIH's interim guidance on the salary cap.

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### Revised Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions Now Published

On March 14, 2017, the National Science Foundation (NSF) published revised Research Terms and Conditions in the [Federal Register](#) to address and implement the Uniform Guidance. All Federal research agencies will be able to utilize this standard core set of administrative terms and conditions on research and research-related awards that are subject to 45 CFR Part 75, to the extent practicable.

To read the Research Terms and Conditions, [click here](#).

To see the different Federal agency implementation dates, [click here](#).

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### NSF Announces New Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter

The NSF announced the release of a new quarterly publication called "NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter" that is "designed to provide information about upcoming changes and clarifications to policies and procedures that affect how you prepare and submit proposals and manage NSF awards."

[Click here](#) to view the first issue for February/March 2017.

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### Training Opportunities from the Office of Research

The Office of Research will be participating in Human Resources' Faculty Staff Development Program (FSDP) Workshops, which was recently [announced](#). Office of Research Trainings Include:

#### Office of Research Orientation

This workshop will orient those new to the University's research community to the mission and services of the University's Office of Research.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Location:** Office of Research Suite, Lower Level, B21 University Club

**Who Should Attend:** University of Pittsburgh research community members who are new to interacting with the Office of Research

## **Basics of Federal Contract Administration**

This workshop will offer a basic overview of the federal contract process including an orientation to locating, applying, and interpreting FAR clauses and the various steps of the federal contract award pathway. Please note that this session *does not cover grants*, only federal contracts.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Location:** 342 Craig Hall

**Who Should Attend:** Faculty and staff who support federal research funding activities, and staff charged with research administration support and related activities

For more details about the workshops and to register, [click here](#).

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