

Office of Research News & Notes

Office of Research Update

Routing of Confidentiality Agreements (CDAs) and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs)

CDAs/NDAs are reviewed by several offices at the University of Pittsburgh. The content and purpose of these agreements determines which central office reviews the language and signs on behalf of the University. The Office of Research's website now has a table of information to assist with routing CDAs/NDAs.

<http://osp.pitt.edu/cc-confidential-disclosure-agreement-cdanon-disclosure-agreement-nda>

Funding Agency Updates

Reminder: National Science Foundation (NSF) made significant changes to the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)

As a reminder, the NSF made significant changes and clarifications to the PAPPG, published January 25, 2016. Some significant changes to note include:

- When to submit proposals –Failure to submit by 5 pm submitter's local time will result in the proposal not being accepted.
- The Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) must:
 - provide proposal certifications concurrently with submission of the proposal
 - sign and submit proposal file updates and revised budgets
 - perform a withdrawal function on behalf of a proposing organization
- Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)
 - DURC is a new section.
 - Proposal certifications have been supplemented with a new certification regarding DURC.
 - ***For information on DURC from the University of Pittsburgh, please visit the [Research Conduct and Compliance website](#).***
- A new single-copy document is required by each senior project personnel to provide information regarding collaborators and other affiliations. This information is no longer part of the Biographical Sketch. Identifying the total number of collaborators and other affiliations is no longer required.
- Biographical Sketches:
 - can be developed through third party solutions if the documents are compliant with NSF proposal preparation requirements
 - must now be uploaded separately for each individual identified on the proposal as senior personnel

- should be uploaded as a single PDF file in the Supplementary Documents section of the proposal for Other Personnel and for Equipment proposals
- Current and Pending Support should reflect current project support, including internal funds allocated to the specific project. Current and pending support must be uploaded as a single PDF file or inserted as text for all senior personnel. This information grouped together in a single PDF file is no longer allowed.

For a complete listing of NSF PAPPG changes and clarifications, please visit <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/sigchanges.jsp>

Revised National Institutes of Health (NIH) Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules Are Now Available

The revised *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules (NIH Guidelines)* became effective on April 27, 2016. A version of the April 2016 *NIH Guidelines* can now be found on the NIH Office of Science Policy (OSP) [OSP website](#). OSP has also added a number of additional resources to assist institutions in complying with the revised *NIH Guidelines*. These resources include

[RAC Revisions Fact Sheet](#)

[FAQs on the NIH Review Process for Human Gene Transfer Trials \(April 2016\)](#)

[FAQs on the NIH Guidelines Vaccine Exemption \(April 2016\)](#)

Questions concerning the revisions to the *NIH Guidelines*, or about the educational resources above, can be addressed by the NIH Office of Science Policy at SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov

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