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Revised Form 0136 Available on June 19

Form 0136 has been revised, including instructions, and the revisions will be reflected on the [Form 0136 website](#) on **Monday, June 19**. This web-based form can also be accessed from the Office of Research website on the [Forms page](#) in each team's Pre-Award Forms section.

Research Administrators are encouraged to start using the revised Form 0136 immediately once it is available. *Old versions of Form 0136 will not be accepted as of July 7, 2017.*

On **Tuesday, June 20 from 9:00 – 10:00am in Benedum Hall 102**, The Office of Research and Research and Cost Accounting will be reviewing the revisions and answering any questions related to Form 0136. Please [register here](#) to attend. For any questions related to Form 0136 before June 20, please call the Office of Research at 412-624-7400.

Additional Revisions to Form 0202

Research and Cost Accounting and the Office of Research have made additional revisions to Form 0202 based on departmental feedback. The revised form and instructions can be found on the Office of Research website on the [Forms page](#) in each team's Post-Award Forms section. For any questions related to Form 0202, please call Research and Cost Accounting at 412-624-6040.

New Email to Electronically Accept Internal Forms for Grants Management Team

The Office of Research is encouraging the use of electronic signatures (ex: DocuSign or scanned original signatures) for all internal forms. While there will no longer be a requirement to submit via paper or in triplicate copies, internal forms will still be accepted and processed if submitted this way.

Departments are welcome to email their internal forms and any transaction-specific supporting documentation for the [Grants Management Team](#) to the following **new** email address:

ORintake@pitt.edu

To expedite processing, please include the following information in the email subject line:

- Institution (I) #, if applicable
- PI Last Name
- Department Number
- Form Name (ex: Form 0136, No-Cost Extension, Early Account Request)

As a reminder, departments should continue to use clincorp@pitt.edu for forms and communication related to the [Clinical & Corporate Contracts Services Team](#), and use orfedcon@pitt.edu for forms and communication related to the [Federal Contract Services Team](#). Subaward requests issued under grants should be emailed to subawards@pitt.edu.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Change Implementation of Grant Support Index (GSI)

Due to community feedback, council meetings, and stakeholder discussions, the NIH has made changes to the planned implementation of the GSI. The NIH instead plans to move forward with the [Next Generation Researchers Initiative](#). The NIH Principal Deputy Director presented updates at a meeting on June 8 to the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD). The slides from the presentation to the ACD are publicly available [here](#).

For more information, please view the [NIH Director's announcement](#) and the [Open Mike post](#) on NIH's Extramural Nexus.

NIH Updates Policy for Post-Submission Materials

Effective for grant applications submitted for due dates on or after September 25, 2017, the NIH is expanding its policy for allowable post-submission materials to include citations to issued patents.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-17-066](#) for more details.

Reminder to NIH Grant Applicants about Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources

NIH grant applicants are reminded to include a plan to authenticate resources when proposing the use of established key biological and/or chemical resources. "Key biological and/or chemical resources" include but are not limited to cell lines, specialty chemicals, antibodies or other biologics.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-17-068](#) for more details.

NIH Extension of the Effective Date for Policy on the Use of a Single IRB for Multi-Site Research

The new effective date for the NIH policy on the Use of a Single IRB for Multi-Site Research is January 25, 2018.

For more details, see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-17-027](#) and the corresponding [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) on the implementation of this policy.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Schedules System Outage to Accommodate Move

NSF will be moving its Data Center IT servers to its new headquarters in Alexandria, VA from June 30, 2017 at 8:00pm through July 4, 2017 at 6:00pm. During this time, the NSF website, FastLane, and Research.gov will be unavailable. Although proposals and reports cannot be submitted during the scheduled outage, previously saved information and uploaded documents in FastLane and Research.gov, including in-process proposals and reports, will be accessible after the Data Center move.

For more information about NSF's move, please see [Notice 139](#).