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New Electronic Subaward Request Form

The Office of Research has partnered with Contraxx by Ecteon to develop a new electronic process for submitting outgoing subaward requests. Research Administrators can log into http://pi.tt/subawards to submit a subaward request to the Office of Research. This electronic form, which can be accessed from the Office of Research Forms page and Subawards page, replaces the paper Subaward Request Form and contains many of the same questions. Other features include:

- A User's Guide to help navigate the website
- Secure access through Pitt's Single Sign-On (SSO)
- Ability to start a subaward request, save it, and submit it at a later time
- Help text for questions
- Smart form logic, so that questions appear or disappear based on previous answers
- Subaward status updates
- Website communications from the Office of Research

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a list of Helpful Tips have been prepared to assist you, and we will continue to update these documents as needed.

For any technical questions about using the electronic subaward request form, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Kingsley at 412-383-4095.

Using *Pivot* to Search for Funding Opportunities

The University of Pittsburgh subscribes to *Pivot*, a comprehensive database of funding opportunities. *Pivot* is accessible to the campus community through the Office of Research website and the ULS databases. Create a profile, search for funding, and identify potential collaborators using the database. Getting started is easy: a Quick Start User Guide and a YouTube channel provide step-by-step instructions and helpful tips.

The Office of Research, in collaboration with the University Library System, will offer interactive workshops to introduce *Pivot* to new users. Please reserve a space here.

Applying to Internal Competitions in Competition Space

Competition Space provides University of Pittsburgh faculty and students with an online portal to streamline the process of finding, and applying for, special awards and research funding opportunities that require coordination within the University.

This easy-to-use, web-based interface provides detailed opportunity announcements as well as links to funder and program resources. Current internal funding announcements and opportunity details are regularly posted to Competition Space.

Competition Space is accessible through the My Resources tab in the My Pitt portal as well as via the Office of Research website.

Apply to competitions by supplying your University of Pittsburgh username and password.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Webinar on Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs)

On Wednesday, August 30, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., NIH experts will be providing the latest updates and answering RPPR questions. Principal Investigators with NIH funding are encouraged to attend. The

recording and transcript of the webinar will be available on the NIH Grants YouTube channel approximately 5-7 business days after it airs.

To attend the webinar, please register here. To learn more about the format and submission of different RPPRs, click here.

Note: The Office of Research has observed more cases of Federal awarding agencies enforcing the submission of timely progress reports and threatening to withhold funds or process awards until the required reports are submitted.

NIH Updates Appendix Policy to Eliminate Clinical Trial-Related Materials

Effective for applications submitted to due dates on or after January 28, 2018, the NIH, Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will no longer allow clinical trial-related materials to be included as Appendix materials.

Please see NIH Notice NOT-OD-17-098 for more details.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Issues New Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter

The third issue of the NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter is now available. Articles include:

- PAPPG – Proposed Significant Changes
- The Newly Revised Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects
- Faculty Salary Policy – The Two Month Rule
- Collaborators and Other Affiliations Pilot – FAQs
- Project Reporting Policies and Reminders
- Upcoming Outreach
- NSF is Moving

Click here to view the newsletter.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Uniform Guidance Now Available

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released updated FAQs for the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200). The FAQs provide additional context to the Uniform Guidance and include 24 new FAQs and 4 revised FAQs.

Click here to view the FAQs.