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Funding Agency Updates

Browser Compatibility with National Institutes of Health (NIH) eRA Modules

eRA has been strengthening the security of its modules, web services and websites to the federally mandated 'https only' secure connection required for all federal agencies.

The 'https' connection offers "the strongest privacy and integrity protection currently available for public web connections," the Office of Management and Budget wrote in mandating federal agencies to adopt this standard by the end of 2016.

Effective November 30, 2016, all eRA modules (eRA Commons, ASSIST, IAR and iEdison), web services and websites will use 'https only' secure connections.

You may need to update your web browser to continue using eRA modules.

Visit this site to learn more about compatible browser versions:
https://era.nih.gov/news_and_events/news_eRA.cfm#10262016

Deciding on Whether to Resubmit NIH Applications

Investigators applying for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding may choose to resubmit their application. The NIH has provided guidance and resubmission funding statistics that offer insight into the decision-making process. For more details, please see the following NIH post:
https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2016/10/28/are-you-on-the-fence-about-whether-to-resubmit/

Live Webcast of NSF Grants Conference

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is pleased to announce that the Fall 2016 NSF Grants Conference Plenary (General) Sessions, which are being held in Pittsburgh, will be webcast live to the research community on November 14-15, 2016.

The sessions will provide key insight on a range of issues at NSF including: the state of current funding; new and current policies and procedures; and pertinent administrative issues. Please view the webcast agenda for more information on the topics and schedule.

The webcast is free, but registration is required. To register, visit:
https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=206295

Reminder: November 11th is Veterans Day

Federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and their help desks will be closed for Veterans Day on Friday, November 11th. Due dates for applications that fall on federal holidays are automatically extended to the next business day.

Please refer to this notice for more information: https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2016/10/28/november-11-friday-2016-nih-closed-for-federal-holiday/