# Office of Research News & Notes

## Funding Agency Updates

### National Science Foundation (NSF) Postpones Revised Proposal & Award Policies & Procedure Guide Effective Date

Due to the recent lapse in appropriations, implementation of the revised NSF *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*(PAPPG), (NSF 19-1) was postponed. The revised PAPPG will now be effective for **proposals submitted, or due, on or after February 25, 2019**.  Significant changes include:

- Addition of Research.gov as an option for proposal preparation and submission, and proposal file updates;
- Revision of eligibility standards for unaffiliated individuals;
- Specification that conference proposals over $50,000 and all equipment proposals must include the Collaborators and Other Affiliations information in the proposal submission;
- Revision of resubmission guidelines for NSF programs that accept proposals at any time;
- Implementation of NSF's policy on sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, or sexual assault;
- Specification that proposers are required to have a policy or code-of-conduct that addresses sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, and sexual assault, and that includes clear and accessible means of reporting violations of the policy or code-of-conduct.  This policy or code-of-conduct must be disseminated to conference participants prior to attendance at the conference as well as made available at the conference itself;
- Emphasis on the importance of training faculty in the responsible and ethical conduct of research;
- Incorporation of existing patent policy into the PAPPG.  This policy was previously implemented by regulation at 45 CFR 650; and
- Numerous clarifications and other changes throughout the document.

To learn about the changes in the revised PAPPG (NSF 19-1), please view the latest NSF Proposal & Award Policy Update webinar.

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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Extends Certain Report Due Dates

Due to the Federal Government Shutdown that occurred December 22, 2018, through January 25, 2019, NOAA's award management system, Grants Online, was unavailable.  This resulted in recipients being unable to submit required Federal Financial Reports and Performance Progress Reports.  NOAA is advising award recipients to disregard any delinquent report notifications received during this period.  Upon submission of the reports, the delinquency status in Grants Online will immediately be removed.

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### New 2-Step Submission Process for National Institutes of Health (NIH) RPPRs with Inclusion Enrollment Data

To comply with the federal 21st Century Cures Act requirements, the NIH launched a Human Subjects System (HSS) in August 2018 to compile human subjects and clinical trials information in one location. Study information can be updated in the HSS at any time by University Principal Investigators (PIs) by accessing the Human Subjects link in the NIH Commons.

In addition, the creation and/or update of an HSS module for RPPRs now requires the use of ASSIST. PIs will be redirected into ASSIST when completing the human subjects section of an RPPR. The PI must mark the HSS section in ASSIST as "ready to submit" once it is complete. This NIH guide provides information on this new process.

Only a University Signing Official (Grants and Contracts Officer or other Authorized Official for the University) can submit the Inclusion Enrollment data in ASSIST. Please notify the Office of Research when forwarding

RPPR materials if an HSS module is required along with the rest of the RPPR in the NIH Commons, so that we are able to submit both pieces in a timely manner.

Please see the [NIH website](#) for more details.

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**PERIS™ MyFunding Award Activations Rollout Now Scheduled for March 11, 2019**

In consideration of the two large federal grant deadlines in February and March, the PERIS™ team has delayed the rollout of Award Activations in the [MyFunding module](#) from February 18th, 2019 to March 11th, 2019.

The PERIS™ Team continues to conduct training sessions for the activation of awards in the MyFunding Module. If you have not registered for a training session, and you are responsible for the activation of awards in your department or unit, please contact the PERIS™ team at [peristeam@pitt.edu](mailto:peristeam@pitt.edu), so that you can be added to an existing training session or placed on a waitlist for future sessions.

For any questions related to the PERIS™ project, or using MyFunding, please email [peristeam@pitt.edu](mailto:peristeam@pitt.edu), or visit the [project website](#) for more information.

To sign-up for the PERIS ™ Listserv, please visit [https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/peris-listserv.](https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/peris-listserv.)