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MyRA (My Research Agreements) for the submission of non-financial agreements (MTAs, CDAs, and DUAs) went live on March 16. All new non-financial agreements will require electronic submission to the Office of Research through MyRA. Paper submissions are no longer being accepted.

REGISTERING for a MyRA Account

http://myra.pitt.edu/MyRA/Rooms/DisplayPages/LayoutInitial?Container=com.webridge.entity .Entity%5BOID%5B6AD38EAD1998774392D6EECA39A0EE23%5D%5D

HOMEPAGE and LOGIN for MyRA https://myra.pitt.edu/MyRA

<u>TRAINING for MyRA</u> http://www.research.pitt.edu/myra

TIMELY OFFRES EMAILS FROM THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH

To address the large number of emails that are received daily in the <u>offres@pitt.edu</u> box from both internal and external sources, a staff member has been assigned to monitor and address the OFFRES emails as a primary responsibility. Effective immediately, you should receive your email notifications that have been sent to the Office of Research in a timely manner. If you do not receive these emails within a couple of days of our receipt, please notify Dr. Jennifer Woodward at jew7@pitt.edu.

"MEET AND GREET" AT THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH - SAVE THE DATE

The Office of Research will be hosting on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Office of Research (B21 University Club) an open house for research administrators and faculty to drop in to meet the staff. Please block your calendars so that you can join us. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Sponsor Updates

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) has made changes to the current Grant Proposal Guide (GPG), <u>Grant Proposal Guide15-1</u> (<u>http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf15001/gpg_index.jsp</u>)</u>. Proposals being submitted that do not meet the guidelines as defined in this Guide are being returned as non-compliant.

One specific area that NSF has considered as non-compliant is the GPG, Section II.C.2.d. (i), Page II-9, which states, The Project Description must contain, as a separate section within the narrative, a section labeled "Broader Impacts of the Proposed Work".

Please consult the GPG for all proposal preparation guidelines.

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Reminder - NIH and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) require use of a new biosketch format in applications for research grants (effective January 25, 2015). http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-024.html#sthash.rNClinVh.dpuf.