

Office of Research News & Notes

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Statement on Sexual Harassment

The NIH Director [released a statement](#) on February 28, 2019 announcing steps the NIH is taking to address sexual harassment in science. The NIH plans on taking the following actions:

- Demonstrating accountability and transparency
 - Clarifying expectations for institutions and investigators to ensure a safe workplace and inform the agency
 - Providing clear channels of communication to NIH
 - Listening to victims and survivors of sexual harassment and incorporating their perspectives into future actions
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Department of Defense (DoD) Updates “Other Support” Requirements

Effective April 20, 2019, new DoD Notices of Funding Opportunities (NFOs) pertaining to research and research-related educational activities will require proposers to submit the following information for all key personnel listed in the project:

- A list of all current projects the individual is working on, in addition to any future support the individual has applied to receive, regardless of the source
- Title and objectives of the other research projects
- The percentage per year to be devoted to the other projects
- The total amount of support the individual is receiving in connection to each of the other research projects or will receive if other proposals are awarded
- Name and address of the agencies and/or other parties supporting the other research projects
- Period of performance for the other research projects

Failure to submit the above information in the Senior Key Person Profile form may cause the proposal to be returned without further review.

NIH Release Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Involving Humans

On March 28, 2019, the NIH released a [new protocol template](#) to help behavioral and social science researchers prepare research protocols for human studies measuring social or behavioral outcomes. Researchers are encouraged, but not required, to use the template. Using the new template will help ensure adherence to the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) E6 Good Clinical Practice guidelines. In addition, the template is expected to be especially helpful for investigators less familiar with the information and level of detail expected in a clinical protocol.

For more information about the template and its benefits, [click here](#). The related NIH Notice NOT-OD-19-092 can be [found here](#).

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New Associate Director for Clinical and Corporate Contracts

Effective Monday, April 1, 2019, Adam McDowell will be the new Associate Director for [Clinical and Corporate Contracts Services](#). Since 2011, Adam has been working in the Office of Research in various roles of increasing responsibility, including most recently as the team's Assistant Director. Please join the Office of Research in congratulating Adam on his new role.

PERIS™ MyFunding Phase 2 Rollout

Phase 2 of the PERIS™ Project, *Award Activations*, rolled out on March 11, 2019. As a result, all new and existing award activations are required to be submitted through [MyFunding](#). [Quick Guides](#) are available to assist PIs and administrators navigate the MyFunding module, and the PERIS™ team [continues to be available](#) for hands-on training.

Everyone on the PERIS™ Team and in the Office of Research would like to thank you, our administrator and faculty colleagues, for your partnership during this exciting transition.

To stay up-to-date on PERIS™ alerts and information, please [sign up for the PERIS™ listserv](#).

Faculty and Staff Development Program (FSDP) Courses Open for Registration

The Office of Research will be offering the following FSDP workshops this Spring:

- [Basics of Federal Contract Administration](#) on Thursday, June 13, 2019
- [Clinical and Corporate Contract Basics](#) on Friday, May 10, 2019
- [Introduction to Grants Management Services in the Office of Research](#) on Tuesday, May 7, 2019
- [Introduction to the PERIS™ MyFunding Module](#) on Wednesday, June 19, 2019

[Click here](#) to learn more about FSDP and read course descriptions, and [click here](#) to register.