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Rollout of Phase 1 of PERIS™ Project, *MyFunding*, Now Underway

The first phase of the [PERIS™ project](#) is on schedule to be completed by the end of December, 2017. Faculty and administrators have already been successfully submitting proposals using *MyFunding*. As departments and schools become trained on *MyFunding*, they will have access to start submitting proposals through the PERIS™ portal and will be given deadline dates for when **all** proposal submissions (including, but not limited, to new proposals, renewals, resubmissions, and proposed incoming subawards) are to be submitted for their department. By mid-December, all proposals must be submitted to the Office of Research through *MyFunding* in the PERIS™ portal.

The Office of Research is asking for an internal 4-business day submission deadline as departments transition to using *MyFunding*. This is a temporary deadline to ensure a smooth transition and to answer any questions that arise from using the new system.

The management of the PERIS™ project will also be transitioning from Heather Bragg to Christine McClure, who has joined the PERIS™ project team as the new Associate Director for PERIS™ Solution. Christine most recently served as the Associate Director for Grant Operations in the Office of Research, and she will now be managing the project and ensuring the continued success of the PERIS™ solution.

Funding Agency Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Plan to Issue Clinical Trial-Specific Parent R01 and Parent R21 Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs)

The NIH will be issuing new FOAs this month for “Parent R01 Clinical Trial Required” and “Parent R21 Clinical Trial Required.” The Parent Clinical Trial Required FOAs will be used for applications due on or after January 25, 2018.

Unless otherwise noted, these Parent Clinical Trial Required FOAs will accept trials of safety and efficacy, as well as mechanistic and other types of trials. Some NIH Institutes and Centers will accept only mechanistic trials to these Parent Clinical Trial FOAs.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-18-010](#) for more details.

NIH Issues Revised Grants Policy Statement

Effective for budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2017, the NIH released its latest version of the [Grants Policy Statement](#), which includes the policy requirements that serve as the terms and conditions of NIH grant awards. Previous versions of the Grants Policy Statement remain applicable as a standard term and condition for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began prior to October 1, 2017.

Please see NIH Notice [NOT-OD-18-005](#) for more details.

Additional Guidance for NIH Single IRB Policy

The NIH recently published two notices providing additional guidance for the implementation of the [Final NIH Policy on the Use of a Single Institutional Review Board \(sIRB\) for Multi-Site Research](#), which goes into effect for multi-site grant applications with due dates on or after January 25, 2018.

- NIH Notice [NOT-OD-18-004](#) provides information on sIRB review options, expectations for applications/proposals, and the evaluation of sIRB information.
- NIH Notice [NOT-OD-18-003](#) provides additional guidance on exceptions to the NIH sIRB Policy, including the steps on how to request an exception and when to make the request.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Issues Revised Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) announced the release of a [revised version of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#). The new PAPPG will be effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 29, 2018. Significant changes include:

- Addition of a new eligibility subcategory on international branch campuses of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education;
- Revision of eligibility standards for foreign organizations;
- Implementation of the standard Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) template that has been in pilot phase since April;
- Increase in the Budget Justification page limitation from three pages to five pages;
- Restructuring of coverage on grantee notifications to and requests for approval from NSF, including referral to the [Prior Approval Matrix](#) available on the NSF website; and
- Numerous clarifications and other changes throughout the document.

A webinar to brief the community on the new PAPPG will be held on **December 8 at 2 PM EST**. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.