

Office of Research News & Notes

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Office of Research Holiday Closing due to University of Pittsburgh Winter Recess

Due to the University's Winter Recess, the Office of Research will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018. All proposals with deadlines that fall within these dates should be submitted to the Office of Research no later than Tuesday, December 20 to ensure all proposals are submitted prior to the break.

On behalf of everyone at the Office of Research, thank you for another productive year, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the University research community in 2018!

PERIS™ MyFunding Tips

Thank you to the research community for ensuring a smooth transition with submitting proposals electronically through *MyFunding*. With over 60 proposals submitted thus far and counting, below are four helpful tips to keep in mind.

1. In order for the PI certification to be triggered, the science components must be completed. For proposals that will be submitted through grants.gov using a Form SF424 (i.e. system to system applications), the question appears in the "Update SF424 Research Plan Activity":

14. * Research Plan Attachments are Complete:
 Yes No [Clear](#)

For non-system to system proposals, the question appears in the "Submit Proposal Documents Activity":

2. * Proposal Attachments Are Complete: Yes No

2. To add new subrecipients to MyFunding, please contact the PERIS™ helpdesk (peristeam@pitt.edu) and include the Funding Proposal (FP) number.
3. Note that self-registration is not necessary in the PERIS™ system. All Pitt employees and those with sponsored Pitt accounts have access.
4. To add more than one PI to a proposal and to ensure that the the PI certification is triggered for all PIs, the question appears in Proposal Description & Contacts:

*** Is this a multi-PI Submission?**
 Yes No [Clear](#)

Additional guidance for MyFunding can be found in these [quick guides](#), and additional information about the PERIS™ project can be found [here](#). For any questions, please email the project team at perisproject@pitt.edu.

Funding Agency Updates

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

The NIH has issued the following FOAs for Parent R01s and Parent R21s:

- [PA-18-484](#) NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- [PA-18-345](#) NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Clinical Trial Required)

[PA-18-489](#) NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

[PA-18-344](#) NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (Parent R21 Clinical Trial Required)

The Parent Clinical Trial Required FOAs will be used for applications due on or after January 25, 2018. Note that [clinical trial-specific review criteria](#) are located in Section V. Application Review Information.

NIH Project Outcomes in Interim and Final Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

Project outcomes submitted as part of interim or final RPPRs on or after October 1, 2017 will be made available to the general public via NIH's Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool ([RePORTER](#)). The Project Outcomes will be reported exactly as they are submitted by the NIH grantee; therefore, it is important that this section be written for the lay person.

Please see the [Open Mike post](#) for more details.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Publishes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) Information Template

For each individual identified as senior project personnel, the NSF requires that Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) information be collected using the COA template. This COA information is used by the NSF to help identify appropriate reviewers.

[Click here](#) to access the NSF FAQs for helpful information about preparing a COA template.

NSF Issues New Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter

The fourth issue of the NSF Proposal & Award Policy Newsletter is now available. Articles include:

- Revised PAPPG Now Available
- Account Management Updates
- Hurricanes Prompt Highlight of Deadline Date Policy
- Unfunded Collaborations
- Public Access Policy – Results of NSF Funded Research
- Proposal Preparation and Submission in Research.gov to Begin in April
- Outreach

[Click here](#) to view the newsletter.

Other Updates

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Regional Application-Writing Workshop

In collaboration with the NEH Division of Research Programs, Duquesne University's Office of Research will be hosting a regional application-writing workshop.

When: Friday, February 23, 2018 - tentatively scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the possibility of one-on-one consultations in the afternoon

Where: Charles J. Dougherty Ballroom, Power Center, Duquesne University

Who: Jason Boffetti, NEH Senior Program Officer

This workshop will be open to all universities in the region. Please feel free to share this initial Save the Date with colleagues that you may have at other institutions.