



Federal Updates

Research Administrator's Forum

May 12, 2016

NSF – Administrative Burden

Current Pilot

No Budgets

5 Proposals only requiring budget justification at time of submission

Detailed budgets requested during JIT

No Deadlines

2 programs that do not have a hard deadline

Second Chances

One Plus

Proposals not funded, but promising

Invited to submit for the next round

Much higher rate of success

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Platforms Cross Referenced



R - Reallocation of Funds Budgeted for Participant Support Costs

09/21/2011

[Now in Research.gov](#)



PI/PD or co-PI/co-PD Transfer from One Organization to Another

Forwarded to AOR

05/06/2016

 [Go to FastLane](#)

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Multi-year project to move Proposal Submission Fastlane – implemented (1994)



Wishlist

- Maximize Proposal Pre-Population
- Have proposal become more specific to the solicitation

NIH

Mechanism – “OT” Other Transaction

Not a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement

Allows “high degree of flexibility”

NCI – Moonshot Initiative (Biden)

Accelerate cancer research

Goal: Provide more cancer therapies to more patients

Solicitation for feedback: scientific ideas or suggestions

cancerresearch@nih.gov (closes July 1)

NIH – eCommons update



....more functionality coming soon

- Change of PD/PI
- Final RPPR to replace Final Progress Report (upload)
- Cross Platform links btwn ASSIST & eCommons

GONE Act

Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1115>

Public Law No: 114-117 (1/28/2016)

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget to instruct each agency, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to submit to Congress and HHS by December 31 of the first calendar year beginning after this Act's enactment a report that:

- lists each federal grant award held by such agency;
- provides the total number of federal grant awards, including the number of grants by time period of expiration, the number with zero dollar balances, and the number with undisbursed balances;
- describes the challenges leading to delays in grant closeout; and
- explains, for the 30 oldest federal grant awards, why each has not been closed out.

Tracker:

Introduced

Passed Senate

Passed House

To President

Became Law

GONE Act

... the details

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Due December 31st

List of **ALL** expired grants that have not been closed

Describe the “**challenges**” leading to delay

list the 30 oldest award – explain why it hasn’t been closed

If the agency cannot provide all the required information; they need to explain “**why**” noting THEIR “shortcomings” & plans to improve.

Follow-up: have they closed “ALL” previously listed outstanding awards reporting to DHHS in turn to Congress

IG of each agency w/ more than \$500m annual funding - required to do a **Risk Assessment** on their closeouts

OMB then reports to **CONGRESS** to recommend legislation to “improve accountability & oversight”

GONE Act

... the breakdown

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Congress has concerns about “accountability and oversight”

Congress is holding all fed agencies to reporting and explaining why items aren’t closed in a timely fashion while money has been paid out for these awards

Fun Fact: 80% of all Federal Grants paid through DHHS & PMS

QUESTION

If DHHS agencies are under the microscope from Congress and required to report & explain themselves for any “shortcomings”....

.... What do you think this means for UCLA?

Your PI?

Your Department?

MASTER TRAINING

<http://www.research.ucla.edu/ocga/training-calendar.html>

MAY

Managing your Valuables

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Kinross, Suite 210

9:30am-11:00 am

- Research Administrators manage a very unique type of workload at both the department and central level. In order to efficiently and effectively manage this special workload, research administrators need unique tools and resources. This "How-to" session co-presented by central and department office research administrators will engage participants in a creative way. We will help other Research Administrators identify:
 - who their internal and external constituents are and how to manage;
 - how to develop tools for the constantly shifting and competing priorities;
 - learn to manage the expectations of the often many parties who often have divergent agendas;
 - how to minimize the negative impact of other people's inability to manage their workloads and timelines

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JUNE

S2S Grants Basics

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Kinross, Suite 210

9:30am-11:00 am

This session will provide information to get new users started with the S2S Grants (Cayuse) system for preparation and submission of proposals. Topics include: how to get access to the system, best practices, user resources, and hints and tips.