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# Agenda

- FDP Report – Federal Updates
- NIH Unilateral Closeout
- AB 1887 – Travel Restrictions

# The Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP)

- Cooperative initiative among 10 federal agencies and 155 institutional recipients of federal funds.
- Purpose: to reduce administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts.
- Forum for representatives from universities and non-profits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the research enterprise.
- Meetings three times/year.
- Ongoing working group activities throughout the year.
- [www.thefdp.org](http://www.thefdp.org)

# Federal Updates – Research Terms and Conditions

Initiative led by NSF and NIH

- Develop revised set of RTCs to implement Uniform Guidance.
- Will apply to research and research related grants from participating agencies to IHEs and non-profits.
- Co-chairs are in final negotiations with OMB on resolving remaining issues.
- Final version of RTCs will be posted in the Federal Register.
  - Notice will encourage other federal agencies to adopt.

# Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

## New PAPPG Implementation

- Significant Changes
  - Enhanced coverage of cost sharing to clarify difference between voluntary committed and voluntary uncommitted.
  - Indirect cost rates lower than negotiated rates considered voluntary committed cost sharing – *not allowed under policy*.
  - Greater clarity on instructions for proposals submitted later due to natural or man-made disasters.

# Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

## New PAPPG implementation

- Applies to proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 30, 2017.

# Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

## New PAPPG Implementation

- Significant Changes
  - Separate section on *Types of Proposals* which highlights special proposal types such as RAPID, EAGER, GOALI, and RAISE.

# Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

## Electronic Research Administration Forum

- Gather Opinions, perspective and feedback around NSF ERA activities
- Proposal System Modernization (PSM) webinars
  - April 2016 and September 2016
  - Next webinar TBA
- More researcher participation is strongly encouraged.
- Website: [https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/era\\_forum.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/era_forum.jsp)
- List-serv: send email to [NSF-ERA-FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov](mailto:NSF-ERA-FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov)



# Federal Updates – National Science Foundation

## Outreach

- NSF Grants Conference (archived webcast from November 2016)
  - <https://goo.gl/vwJSX1>
- NSF Grants Conference
  - June 5 – 6, 2017
  - Louisville, KY
  - <https://goo.gl/X8ney5>

# Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

## Continuing Resolution

- PL 114-254 funds federal government until April 28, 2017
- Funding is at 99.8 of FY 2016 level.
- Stay tuned!

# Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

## FY 2017 Grants Policy Statement

- Applicable to all grants and cooperative agreements with **budget periods** beginning on or after October 1, 2017.
- Review significant changes.
- Will continue to publish interim changes through guide notices.
- <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/nihgps/index.htm>

# Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

## Interim RPPR

- Effective February 2017, I-RPPR will be required while Type 2 applications are under consideration.
- If Type 2 is funded, NIH will treat the I-RPPR as the annual for final year of previous segment.
- If Type 2 is not funded, I-RPPR will be treated as the Final.
- Watch for updates and FAQs on the RPPR website:  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/index.htm>

## Extension of Effective Date for Single IRB

- New date: September 25, 2017.
- Stay tuned for updates!

# Federal Updates – National Institutes of Health

## 2017 NIH Regional Seminars:

### Spring Regional Seminar

New Orleans, LA

May 3 – 5, 2017

### Fall Regional Seminar

Baltimore, MD

October 25 – 27, 2017

See: [NOT- OD-17-026](#)

# Federal Updates – Air Force Office of Scientific Research

## Current BAAs

BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-2015-0007

*Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research*

Issued July 1, 2016

BAA-AFRL-AFOSR-0008

*Air Force Defense Research Sciences Conference and Workshop Support*

Issued July 21, 2016

Both open until superseded

# Federal Updates – Air Force Office of Scientific Research

## Use of Grants.gov

- All proposals submitted to AFOSR announcements must be submitted through Grants.gov.
- USPS will only be accepted if Grants.gov is down and proposal is accompanied by a Grants.gov help ticket explaining the reason for rejection.
- AFOSR will not accept due to user error or incorrect forms are used.

# Federal Updates – Final Thoughts

## Final Thoughts

- All federal reps throughout all sessions referenced the need for timely reporting:
  - Financial
  - Technical/Progress
  - Equipment
  - Invention
- Data is important.
- Still need to achieve more common reporting elements and uniformity across all sponsors.



# NIH Unilateral Closeout of Awards

- Email notifications of unilateral closeout to PI and OCGA.
- Can affect future funding for individual PIs and the University.
- Applies to **all** final reports (submitted via eRA Commons)
  - Financial – initiated and submitted by EFM
  - Technical (RPPR) - initiated by PI and submitted by PI or OCGA
  - Invention – initiated by PI and submitted by OCGA
- Deliverables available on Snapshot, PI Portal, Commons.

# AB 1887 - State Funded Travel Prohibition

- Assembly Bill 1887 approved September 27, 2016
- Prohibits state funded travel to certain states\* that have passed laws that:
  - authorize discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, or
  - voids or repeals existing state or local protections against such discrimination.

*\*Currently Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee*

## AB 1887 - State Funded Travel Prohibition

- ***Does not*** affect travel that is paid for or reimbursed using non-state funds.
- ***Does*** prohibit the University from requiring any employee to travel to restricted states ***regardless of funding source***.
- University has a responsibility to monitor [Attorney General's list](#) for changes.
- See:
  - ORA News – February 6, 2017
  - Memo from Scott Monatlik – January 13, 2017
  - FAQs

Contact your OCGA Team for questions about specific funds.

# Questions?