

September 2021 Research Administration Forum Q&A

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Associate Vice Chancellor

Q1: As some of our colleagues are returning back to campus, will future RAF meetings continue to be held in this remote format?

A1: Personally, I am excited about the possibility of returning to live meetings, though I don't know when. It is better when we can see the audience! Still, we have had expanded attendance with the on-line meetings (274 attendees today!), and we know some staff will continue to work remotely, so we will look to continue to offer remote access to RAF even when we return to in-person meetings.

Contract and Grant Administration

Q1: Is it ok to submit a mix of formats, where one Key Person uses the new format, and another the old one?

A1: Currently, yes a mix of formats is fine, however starting 01/25/2022 only the new format will be allowed. Just a reminder that regardless of the format, all research endeavors must be reported.

Q2: Travis, you mentioned a key change in NIH OS is that completed support no longer goes into the OS, it's only "required" in the Biosketch. The latest directions I've seen for the Biosketch state that completed projects aren't required in the Biosketch; rather, their inclusion is optional, based on what the PI would like to highlight. Has that changed?

A2: From NIH Grants & Funding website, [Biosketch FAQs #4](#):

The biosketch format announced in NOT-OD-21-073 no longer has 'Research Support' in section D. Can applicants still provide information on their ongoing and recently completed projects for reviewers to consider?

While Section D: Research Support, has been removed from the biosketch format, applicants should provide details related to ongoing and recently completed projects that they want to draw attention to within the personal statement, Section A. This information is included in the updated [Biosketch Instructions](#).

Q3: Is UCLA requiring the use of the January 2022 NIH format before the NIH implementation date?

A3: Yes, but we are waiting to get past the upcoming busy sponsor deadlines. We will give time for PIs to get ready. More info coming soon.

Q4: While we are waiting for the NIH release of the OS template as part of SciENCv, will UCLA offer an interim tool during this time?

A4: Yes it's in development and will be released soon. We will work to share at the October RAF if not before.

Human Research Protection Program

Q1: Moore, did you say that an individual needs to either complete GCP or the basic Human Subjects training?

A1: Yes, to complete the human subjects training requirement, an individual could choose to either complete the Human Subjects course or a GCP course.

If key personnel complete GCP, they will be set for both the IRB requirement and the GCP training requirement.

Q2: Since there is a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the hospital, is there a policy for research participants to be vaccinated prior to coming on campus?

A2: I believe they fall under the category of "campus visitors" in the COVID policy.

Extramural Fund Management

Q1: I've run into an issue of trying to NPEAR a recharge from an unrestricted fund where the OFSR system says that the unrestricted fund doesn't have sufficient funds. I am assuming this is related to the appropriation not occurring yet for the current FY.

A1: Here are the [list of contacts](#) based on the fund number range.