ORSS Announcements Archive

 **11/25/20** Rollout of Redesigned eRA Commons Home and Landing Screens in January 2021 ([NOT-OD-21-028](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-028.html))

 **10/01/20** Requirement for Trainee Diversity Report to be submitted electronically via NIH Commons ([NOT-OD-20-178](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-178.html))

 **06/11/20** A [Walk-Through](https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/06/02/a-walk-through-of-the-phs-human-subjects-clinical-trials-information-form/) of the PHS Human Subjects & Clinical Trials Information Form

 **04/06/20**[Information](https://grants.nih.gov/sites/default/files/COVID-19-applicant-recipient-talking-points.docx) for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding Related to COVID-19;  click [HERE](https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus.htm) for updates or [FAQ's](https://grants.nih.gov/faqs#/covid-19.htm)

 **03/11/20** Verification of Other Support review [form](https://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/assets/user-content/other-support-verification.pdf) (to be used for JIT and RPPR submissions when attaching Other Support forms)

 **02/07/20** Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2020 ([NOT-OD-20-070](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-070.html))

 **01/30/20** A [Reminder](https://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/assets/user-content/othersupportreminder.pdf) about Other Support and Appointments.  Also see ([NOT-OD-19-114](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-114.html)) Reminders of NIH Policies on Other Support and on Policies related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components

 **07/26/19** New [NIH Requirements](https://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/assets/user-content/documents/nih-hft-penn.pdf) for Research with Human Fetal Tissue effective 9/25/2019

 **07/10/19** Requirement for ORCID iDs for Individuals Supported by Research Training, Fellowship, Research Education, and Career Development Awards Beginning in FY 2020 ([NOT-OD-19-109](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-109.html)) ([additional guidance](https://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/assets/user-content/documents/the-orcid-id.pdf))

 **06/14/19** NIH Expanding Usage of Notices of Special Interest ([NOT-OD-19-107](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-107.html))

 **05/21/19** Required Use of the xTRACT System to Prepare Data Tables for Training Grant Research Performance Progress Reports in FY 2020 ([NOT-OD-19-108](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-108.html))**01/02/19** NIH Implementation of the Final Rule on the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (Common Rule) ([NOT-OD-19-050](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-050.html))

**11/07/18** Harassment and Discrimination Protections in NIH Training Applications ([NOT-OD-19-029](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-029.html))

**11/06/18** Important [Notice](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/2018-11-06v2NoticetoInvestigatorsreMMAS.docx) for Investigators regarding the use of Morisky Medication Adherence Scale

**09/14/18** NIH & AHRQ Announce Upcoming Updates to Application Instructions and Review Criteria for Fellowship Award Applications [(NOT-OD-18-227)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-227.html), Research Applications [(NOT-OD-18-228)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-228.html) and Career Development Applications [(NOT-OD-18-229)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-229.html)

**07/03/18** NIH Synchronizes Institutional Delegations and Now Allows Decimals in Effort Reporting Field in Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) ([NOT-OD-18-202](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-202.html))

**06/12/18**  [**Overview**](https://era.nih.gov/hss_overview.cfm) of Human Subjects System (HSS)

**05/11/18** Transition from Inclusion Management System to New Human Subjects System (HSS) as of June 9, 2018 ([NOT-OD-18-179](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-179.html))

**05/09/18**  Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2018 ([NOT-OD-18-175](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-175.html))

**04/06/18** Career Award (K) Policy Update: Concurrent Support from a Mentored K Award and a Research Grant ([NOT-OD-18-157](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-157.html))

**02/20/18** Advance Notice of Transition to the xTRACT System for Preparing Research Training Data Tables ([NOT-OD-18-133](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-133.html)). More info [here](https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2018/02/22/xtract-anticipated-to-be-required-in-fiscal-year-2020/).

**10/06/17** NIH Announces New Review Criteria for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellowship Applications Involving Research Experiences in Clinical Trials. ([NOT-OD-17-122](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-122.html))   For Institutional Training Grants ([NOT-OD-17-123](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-123.html))

**06/27/17** Revision: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) Predoctoral Stipends, Training Related Expenses, Institutional Allowance, and Tuition/Fees Effective for Fiscal Year 2017. ([NOT-OD-17-084](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-175.html))

**04/27/17** New NIH "FORMS-E" Grant Application Forms and Instructions Coming for Due Dates On or After January 25, 2018 ([NOT-OD-17-062](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-062.html))

**03/14/17** Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions [announced](https://www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/rtc.jsp).

**03/02/17** NIH [guidance](https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/commons/Commons/status/closeout/Final_RPPR.htm) for PI's on completing the Final RPPR.

**11/23/16** NIH Implementation of Final Research Performance Progress Reports (Final RPPR))([NOT-OD-17-022](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-022.html)). The new format will become mandatory for any submissions after 01/01/17.

**11/07/16** Adjustment to Stipend Levels for Postdoctoral Trainees and Fellows on Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) ( [NOT-OD-17-002](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-002.html)) Note: No SOMERA entry needed for these specific supplemental requests.  Please notify and work with your ORSS specialist if you intend to submit for further guidance.  All supplemental requests should be via the NIH Commons.

**01/20/16** Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for FY 16 ([NOT-OD-16-047](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-047.html))

**12/17/15** New Salary and Research Cost Allowances for K08 and K23 Career Development Awards ([NOT-OD-16-032](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-032.html))

**12/15/15** Updates to NIH & AHRQ Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) to Address Rigor and Transparency ([NOT-OD-16-031](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-031.html))

**10/27/15** Significant Changes: FY 2016 NIH Grants Policy Statement[(NOT-OD-16-017)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-017.html)

**10/13/15** NIH & AHRQ Announce Upcoming Changes to Policies, Instructions and Forms for 2016 Grant Applications ([NOT-OD-16-004](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-004.html))

NIH & AHRQ Announce Transition to New Research Training Table Formats for 2016 and Upcoming Release of the xTRACT System ([NOT-OD-16-007](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-007.html))

**03/31/15** NIH has updated its Grants Policy Statement to incorporate Uniform Guidance changes([link](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/nihgps.pdf))

**12/30/14** Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2015 [(NOT-OD-15-048)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-048.html)

Notice of Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts [(NOT-OD-15-049)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-049.html)

NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards - FY2015 [(NOT-OD-15-050)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-050.html)

HHS Changes Standard Due Dates for SBIR/STTR Grant Applications [(NOT-OD-15-038)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-038.html)

Simplifying the NIH Policy for Late Application Submission [(NOT-OD-15-039)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-039.html)

**12/04/14** Reminder for the Extramural Scientific Community: Implementation of the Genomic Data Sharing Policy Begins January 25, 2015 ([NOT-OD-15-027](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-027.html))

**11/26/14** New Biographical Sketch Format Required for NIH and AHRQ Grant Applications Submitted for Due Dates on or After January 25, 2015 **(**[**NOT-OD-15-024**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-024.html)**)**

**08/04/14** Revised Policy: Descriptions on the Use of Individual Development Plans (IDPs) for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Researchers Required in Annual Progress Reports beginning October 1, 2014 (also reminds RPPR mandatory for all non-SNAPs beginning 10/17/14) ([NOT-OD-14-113](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-113.html))

**04/22/14** Clarifications to the NIH and AHRQ Policy for Application Submission (submitting revisions as "new") ([NOT-OD-14-082](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-082.html))

**02/14/14** Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2014 [(NOT-OD-14-046)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-046.html)

Notice of Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts   
[(NOT-OD-14-052)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-052.html)

Notice of Legislative Mandates in Effect for FY2014 [(NOT-OD-14-053)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-053.html)

NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards FY 2014 [(NOT-OD-14-055)](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-055.html)

**01/31/14**Link to full RPPR pdf instructions [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/rppr_instruction_guide.pdf).  Note: as more mechanisms convert to using RPPR during Pilot it is helpful to search on the specific mechanism (T32,K12,U01, etc) to get detailed instructions as the instructions vary in Section 7 for each section of the RPPR.

**09/26/13**NIH Domestic Awards to Transition to Payment Management System Subaccounts in FY 2014 and FY 2015 ([NOT-OD-13-120](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-120.html)).

NIH Reminds Applicants to Use Updated Electronic Application Forms (FORMS-C) for Due Dates on or after September 25, 2013 ([NOT-NS-13-121](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-121.html)).

Update on the NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Phase II Pilot for Federal Demonstration Partnership Members ([NOT-NS-13-122](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-122.html)).

**07/09/13** PHS-FITS Process for BA's effective 07/01/13 ([.pdf](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/PHS-FITS_ProcessforBAs7-1-13.pdf)).

**05/08/13** Research Forum handouts here: [RPPR](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/rppr_vs_esnap.pdf) and [Pub Access Policy](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/Enhanced_Pub_Access_Policy_97-2003_versionppt-ForDepts-ShortenedVersion.ppt) Link to MyNCBI Biomedical library video presentations [here](http://guides.library.upenn.edu/content.php?pid=388232&sid=3181458&preview=cc47031b84c3424cde64338179f8ebbf)

**02/06/13** RPPR becomes mandatory for SNAP/Fellowship progress reports on 5/15/13 for budget years starting 07/01/13 or after ([NOT-OD-13-035](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-035.html)).

NINDS Policy for Submission of Applications Containing Clinical Trials ([NOT-NS-13-006](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-NS-13-006.html)).

**11/20/12** [Link to NIH info](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/) about the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) which will replace the eSNAP and some other paper submissions.  The RPPR is available for use now and will become mandatory in Spring 2013.

**11/16/12**NIH informs grantees that in Spring, 2013, at the earliest, NIH will delay processing of non-competing continuation grant awards if publications arising from that award are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy. ([NOT-OD-12-160](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-160.html))

**10/11/12**  NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution ([NOT-OD-13-002](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-002.html))

**08/24/12**Notice of NIH Special Council Review of Research Applications from PDs/PIs with More than $1.0 Million Direct Costs in Annual NIH Support([**NOT-OD-12-140**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-140.html))

NIH Announces One-time Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) Reporting Guidance for Certain Fiscal Year 2012 Awards Issued On Or After 08/24/2012 ([**NOT-OD-12-143**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-143.html))

**06/22/12**  Addendum: Administrative Supplements to Existing NIH Grants   
                   and Cooperative Agreements, and Research Supplements to Promote  
                   Diversity in Health-Related Research ([NOT-OD-12-117](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-117.html))

**06/11/12** Notice of Impending Change in Peer Review Criteria and Submission  
                   Submission Requirements for NIH Applications Involving Human  
                   Embryonic Stem Cells ([NOT-OD-12-111](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-111.html))

**01/20/12** NIH Notice of Salary Limitation - $179,700 ([NOT- OD-12-035](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-035.html)) ([FAQ](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/fy2012_salary_cap_faqs.htm))

                  2012 NRSA Stipend levels ([NOT-OD-12-033](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-033.html))

                  NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards FY 2012 ([NOT-OD-12-036](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-036.html))

**06/08/11** ORSS Research Forum handouts posted [here](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/June_8th_ORSS_Research_Forum_handouts.pdf)

**04/25/11** New NRSA Stipend levels posted [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-11-067.html)

**04/14/11** Modified F&A Subvention Policy [Announced.](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/ModifiedFASubventionPolicy4-11-2011.pdf)

**10/15/10** New NIH Guide [posted](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/policy.htm).[here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2010/Significant_Changes_NIH_GPS_10_1_2010.doc).  Effective for budget periods beginning on or after 10/01/10.

**10/01/10** New Time Limit for NIH Resubmission Applications ([**NOT-OD-10-140**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-140.html)**)**

**09/03/10**NIH to Require all Applications to be Submitted in Response to a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Published in the NIH Guide  to Grants and Contracts ([**NOT-OD-10-134**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-134.html))

**08/16/10** Elimination of Error Correction Window for Due dates on or after January 25, 2011 **(**[**NOT-OD-10-123**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-123.html)**)**

**06/09/10**"All Personnel Report" FAQ's posted [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/all_personnel_report_faq.htm) . ORSS Research Forum handouts [here](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/ResForum06-09-10.pdf)

**06/07/10** Beginning in FY '11 a new Journal Responsibility for Grant and Contract cost adjustments will be coming to BEN.  Mandatory online training is now available in Knowledgelink.

**05/07/10** eSNAP filing becomes mandatory 08/01/10 ([NOT-OD-10-093](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-093.html))

**01/06/10** New NIH Salary Cap of $199,700 [announced](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-041.html)

**10/07/09** Comptroller's Office [announces](http://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/docs/Unclaimed_Property_Update_100609.pdf) availability of 252 Report to monitor outstanding checks by fund

**09/28/09** [RePORTER](http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm) replaces [CRISP](http://crisp.cit.nih.gov/)

**09/16/09** Restructured Application Forms and Instructions for Submissions for FY2011 Funding ([NOT-OD-09-149](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-149.html))

**08/28/09**    Revised PHS 2590 Now Available-Policy Changes ([NOT-OD-09-139](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-139.html))

                    New Req for Commons User ID's- Post Docs ([NOT-OD-09-140](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-140.html))

Reporting & Assurance Req for Institutions Receiving Awards for Training of Graduate Students for Doctoral Degrees [NOT-OD-09-141](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-141.html))

**03/27/09**FY 2009 NRSA new stipend levels announced **here**

**01/16/09**NIH Announces new salary cap = $196,700[**here**](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-037.html)

**12/12/08**  Transition of Individual Career Development (K) Applications to Electronic Submission (Grants.gov)—New Business Processes and Other Information (see [NOT-OD-09-029](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-029.html))

**10/08/08**  New NIH Policy on Resubmission (Amended) Applications  (see [NOT-OD-09-003](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-003.html))

**09/02/08**  Clarification of NIH Policy on Late Submission of Grant Applications  (see [NOT-OD-08-111](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-111.html))

**05/23/08** NIH/AHRQ Set Transition from PureEdge to Adobe Application Forms    for December 2008 and Plan Subsequent Transition of Remaining Mechanisms to Electronic Submission.  (see [NOT-OD-08-073](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-073.html)))

**01/15/08**  NIH Announces new salary cap = $191,300 [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-08-035.html)

**11/28/07** SOM Advance Account Process [guidelines](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/SOMAdvanceAccountProcess.doc).

**08/13/07** Prepopulated PureEdge files for Investigator Initiated Awards[here](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/GrantsGov.html)

**08/08/07**  Copy of [Business Objects - Utilizing the Tool from a Departmental Perspective.](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/BB8-8-07.ppt)

**06/05/07** Updated queries posted on repository for fundsummary.rep, Effort Report - Individual.rep, Effort Report - Fund.rep, and Effort Report - Home Dept Org.rep.

**05/01/07** NIH announces changes to eRA Commons [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-064.html).  Also, all filed Progress Reports and FSR's are now available on the Commons as a pdf file.

**3/16/07** [Payables Presentation for Upcoming Research Forum](http://webdev.med.upenn.edu/contribute/orss/docs/School_of_Medicine_Jan2007.ppt)

**3/14/07** FY07 NRSA Stipend and Other Budgetary Levels posted [here](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-057.html)

**2/22/07** NIH guide announces [Implementation of NIH Fiscal Policy for Non-Competing Grant Awards ­ FY 2007](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-07-049.html)