ORSS News

Welcome to the second edition of ORSS News!

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Welcome to our second ORSS newsletter! In our September issue, I mentioned a focus on establishing a compliance unit within ORSS. I am very excited to announce the promotion of Louis Muccia to Associate Director of Research Administration Financial Compliance.

Louis has been with ORSS as a Grants Management Specialist in post-award since 2016 and prior to that was a post award accountant in the Office of Research Services for six years. We look forward to working with all of you as we build a compliance program.

In the new year, Louis will begin meeting with department administrators to introduce himself and learn about your departments so we can gain insight into the many priorities and challenges you face on a daily basis.

I wish each of you a blessed, joyous holiday season! I hope you find time to unwind and relax, spend time with loved ones, and recharge for the start of what I hope will be a great new year for all of you in 2023!

Sincerely,

Deadlines

NIH:

- P Series: January 25
- T/D Series: January 25
- R18: January 25
- R25: January 25
- U18: January 25
- C06/UC6: January 25
- R01 (new): February 5
- U01 (new): February 5
- K Series (new): February 12

Click here to search NIH opportunities by activity code (located on the left of the page).

Click here to see all NIH dues dates.

Foundations:

- American Academy of Otolaryngology
- American Association for Cancer Research
- American Heart Association
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Radiological Society of North America

DON'T LET YOUR SUBMISSIONS GET HELD UP:

PennERA profiles MUST be current in order for ORS to submit. Ask your PIs to update their PennERA profiles today!

Click here for instructions

What's New

NIH DATA MANAGEMENT & SHARING POLICY

NIH's new Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy becomes **effective January 25, 2023**.

The new policy requires **ALL grant applications and renewals that generate scientific data** to include a data management and sharing plan (DMSP) as well as budget requests for data management activities when applicable.

This policy differs from the previous 2003 policy which only required grants of $500,000 per year or more in direct costs to provide a brief explanation of how and when data resulting from the grant would be shared.

To better understand the implications, as well as the many resources available to assist with the DMSP, the Office of the EVD/CSO has created a DMSP webpage here.

NIH BIOSKETCH FORMATTING

NIH biosketches have changed! The most significant changes include:

- The removal of Section D

- Section B is now named "Positions, Scientific Appointments and Honors"

- Section B should be split in two subsections: "Positions and Scientific appointments" and "Honors"

- All of Section B is now listed in reverse chronological order

Click here to see a sample.

IPA NOTE

If an IPA has anything other than the standard salary/EB's in the budget then the IPA needs to be signed by the VA before you send it to ORSS.

To view the full SOP, click here.

LESS ISN'T ALWAYS MORE...

During some of our recent RPPR reviews we've seen quite a few occurrences of key personnel having reduced effort from the effort which was proposed. That is usually permissible without prior approval if the reduction of effort isn't 25% or greater and they aren't specifically listed as key personnel in the Notice of Award (NOA). However, specifically with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), there are required minimum efforts for PI's or Program Project leaders and there can be no reduction of effort below the minimums. We have had to correct some reductions that went below the NCI minimums prior to submission of the RPPR.

To ensure effort meets the NCI minimum levels, visit ORSS Research Links or NIH's Notice of Information.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED....

That some F&A charges end up hitting PROG-CREF 0000-0000?

This occurs because one aspect of the 26 digit account combination doesn't have a matching account code combination set up in PennERA for direct expenditures that were charged. So, if you ever see this occurring it could be there is a wayward charge, transposition error, or perhaps you didn't request a subaccount for intended charges. Ideally, we never want to see F&A getting charged to PROG-CREF 0000-0000. While it might not impact the total charges on the grant fund, it does affect reports for subaccounts and helps identify F&A matched to each faculty via the CREF.

Staff Updates

Associate Director of Sponsored Research in the Penn Institute for RNA Innovation

Jill Agolino

Jill has taken a position at Penn's new Institute! While we are sad she will be leaving ORSS, we wish her the absolute best as she develops and manages a new and important area of research at Penn.

Interim Associate Director of Research Administration for Shared Services

Michael Carman Jr.

Mike has joined the Academy! Upon Jill's departure Mike will be working in tandem with Chanika Pratt. He will be responsible for reviewing proposals, supporting shared services to departments in need, and managing and developing our Trainees.

Associate Director of Financial Compliance

Louis Muccia

We are very happy to announce the promotion of Louis to Associate Director, Research Administration Financial Compliance. Louis has 12+ years experience in research administration.

Congratulations Louis!

Post-Award Grants Management Specialist

Joanne Crossin

Joanne has joined the Post-Award team! She will be responsible for reviewing RPPRs for submission. Joanne comes to us with 30+ years of experience in grants management.

Welcome Joanne!

For more info on all topics, go to: https://www.med.upenn.edu/orss/