RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION UPDATES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

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OSP / OVPR UPDATES

➤ **Proposal Submission Deadline Reminders for 4th of July Holiday**

- Proposals due to Sponsor on **Friday July 5th** are due to OSP/BMRA on **JUNE 26TH**. OSP will submit proposals by July 3rd to ensure receipt at the Sponsor.

- Proposals due to Sponsor on **Friday July 12th** are due to OSP/BMRA on **JULY 8th at 9 am**.

- The "Five Day Rule" for proposal submission is still in effect. The policy revision effective May 1, 2013 has been detailed in a number of communications, including last month's Newsletter. Proposals are expected to include all elements specified in the program announcement upon submission to OSP/BMRA. Updated science/technical sections are due on day 3 prior to the Sponsor's due date. Please don't hesitate to ask if there are questions regarding this policy.

- Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

➤ **Office of Research Opportunities Releases New Funding Announcements and Resources**

The Research Opportunities Office periodically distributes a synopsis of relevant funding opportunity and program information. The May issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News is now available online. (Brown users may sign-in to access this subscription.) This site offers strategies on how to compete successfully for research funding from federal agencies and foundations. Each issue highlights agency research news and trends, web resources, and new funding opportunities.

Highlights from the May issue appear below:

PROGRAM UPDATES
- *Program sunset:* **NSF IGERT**
  The NSF IGERT program will sunset with the initiation of the NSF Research Traineeships (NRT) Program (see below). NSF does not plan to release another IGERT solicitation.

- *On the horizon:* **NSF Research Traineeships (NRT) Program**
  NSF expects to release the NRT solicitation **at the end of the summer**, with a late fall/early winter deadline. Below is an excerpt from NSF's 2014 Budget Request to Congress that briefly summarizes the plans for this new program. Once a solicitation is released or more information is available, the Research Opportunities Office will distribute an announcement.
  - *In FY 2014, NSF will challenge the community to expand innovation in graduate education through the NSF Research Traineeships (NRT) program, the successor to the current IGERT program.* ***This program will build on what has been learned in the GK-12 program, IGERT,*** *and in other national and NSF sponsored efforts, such as the NSF Year of Dialogue,* ***using the traineeship approach.*** *Funded projects will support trainees and will be expected to design, implement, and study the implementation and impact of innovative practices, curricula, learning and research experiences, and graduate education policies through model traineeship programs. NSF will especially seek transformative approaches to graduate education that keep pace with science in emerging fields.*

- *On the horizon:* **NIH Centers of Excellence for Biomedical Big Data**
  The National Institutes of Health is launching Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K), an initiative to address how best to manage and utilize the large amounts of biomedical data that new technologies can generate. NIH plans to issue a RFA this year to establish up to 15 investigator-initiated Centers of Excellence for Biomedical Big Data. Once an RFA is released or more information is available, the Research Opportunities Office will distribute an announcement.

  INSTRUMENTATION
  - **NIH High End Instrumentation** (***Limited Submission* Internal deadline: 7/15/13**; **Full 9/13/13**)
    Encourages applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase a single major item of equipment to be used for biomedical research that costs **at least $750,000, up to $2M**. Instruments in this category include, but are not limited to, biomedical imaging systems, NMR spectrometers, mass spectrometers, electron microscopes and supercomputers.
  - **NSF Instrument Development for Biological Research** (Due 7/31/13)
    Supports the development, production, and distribution of novel instrumentation that addresses demonstrated needs in biological research.

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS See OVPR website for complete list of open opportunities.

Please email Margaret_manning@brown.edu with questions or comments.

AGENCY UPDATES

➢ **NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards – FY 2013**

NOT-OD-13-064

The following NIH fiscal policies apply in FY 2013:

- **FY 2013 Funding Levels:** Non-competing continuation grants (research and non-research) including those that remain to be issued in FY 2013 will likely be made at levels below those indicated on the Notice of Award. Commitments for continuation awards in FY 2014 and beyond will remain unchanged. NIH will make an effort to keep the average size of competing awards constant at FY 2012 levels; however NIH is likely to make fewer competing awards in FY 2013.
- **Inflationary Increases for Future Years:** Inflationary increases for future year commitments will be discontinued for all competing research grants awards issued in FY 2013, however adjustments for special need (such as equipments and added personnel) will continue to be accommodated.
  [OSP recommends retaining inflationary factor in the out years].
- **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA):** The stipend levels established in FY 2012 will be continued in FY 2013.

- **Salary Limits:** Salary limits on grants, cooperative agreements and contracts described in NOT-OD-12-035 will be continued in FY 2013
- **New Investigators:** NIH will continue to support new investigators on Type 1 (new), R01 equivalent awards at success rated comparable to that of established investigators submitting Type 1 applications.

➢ Outstanding Mentors are Eligible for Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)

NOT-OD-13-069

The White House established the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) program in 1996. The program is administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House and is intended to identify outstanding individual and institutional mentoring efforts in all scientific fields including those supported by the NIH. The PAESMEM is the highest national STEM mentoring award.

- Individuals nominated for the awards must be US Citizens or Permanent Residents;
- An organizational nominee must be affiliated with a U.S. corporation, educational institution or agency, military or government agency, non-profit organization, or foundation;
- Individual and organizational nominees must have demonstrated outstanding and sustained mentoring of underrepresented students, trainees, and/or early career scientists and engineers for at least 5 years.

Candidates can be nominated by a colleague, administrator, or a student. Self-nominations also are accepted. Details about eligibility, the nomination process, review, and the nature of the award are available at www.nsf.gov/PAESMEM where a recorded webinar on preparing and submitting nomination materials is available. Nomination packages are due by **June 5, 2013**.

➢ Reminder of Lobbying Prohibition on Federal Funds for All NIH-Supported Institutions

NOT-OD-13-072

NIH would like to remind the community that all NIH-funded awards are subject to a prohibition on using federal funds for lobbying activities. The prohibition is described in the grants policy statement at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2012/nihgps_ch4.htm#lobby_prohibition and was expanded in FY 2013 as described in NOT-OD-12-034.

➢ Prize Competitions/Challenges in Area of Drug Abuse and Addiction

NOT-DA-13-029

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announces two Challenges/Prize Competitions for research and non-research communities, and encourages potential applicants-solvers to examine the announcements and to submit the proposals:

1. "Propose New Ideas for Prescription Drugs Oral Overdose Protection" http://preventoverdose.challenge.gov
   Help to find a way to reduce or eliminate the risk of harm from accidentally or intentionally swallowing too many pain prescription pills at the same time
2. "Data Rx: Prescription Drug Abuse Infographic Challenge" http://data-rx.challenge.gov
   Using primary data sources relevant to substance use and abuse, create an infographic to inform and educate the general public in interesting, novel, and creative ways about prescription drug abuse dangers

Additional Information: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-16/html/2013-11689.htm

NSF UPDATE	➢ **NSF Grants Conference** The first National Science Foundation Grants Conference of Fiscal Year 2014 will be held in **Denver, CO, on October 21-22, 2013**. Key representatives from the National Science Foundation as well as your colleagues - faculty, researchers and grant administrators - representing colleges and universities from around the US will participate. Highlights include: • New programs and initiatives; • Future directions and strategies for national science policy; • Proposal preparation; • NSF's merit review process; • Cross-disciplinary and special interest programs; • Conflict of interest policies; and • Breakout sessions by discipline. For additional information regarding program content, contact the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support at (703) 292-8243, or via e-mail at policy@nsf.gov.

Coeus Tip

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Deleting "Rejected" or "Approval in Progress" Proposals

The Delete Development Proposal Script runs quarterly to remove proposals that cannot be deleted from the system manually.

(Proposals with the status of "*Rejected*" or "*Approval in Progress*")

The Delete Script will run automatically on the **1ˢᵗ business day** at the start of each quarter:

• **July 1, 2013**
• October 1, 2013
• January 1, 2014
• April 1, 2014

Process:

• Review any unwanted proposals from your Development Proposal List window. These proposals must have the status of **"Rejected" or "Approval in Progress"**.

• *For "Approval in Progress" proposals - Have the next approver reject the proposal to change the status to "Rejected".*

• In the Proposal Tab of the Proposal Record, select the **Proposal Type** - **[X – Delete from the System]** and save the record.

All proposals with the Proposal Type marked as [X – Delete from the System] will be deleted from the system when the script is run. Once deleted from the system, they will NOT be able to be recovered!

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COEUS UPDATE

Coeus will be upgraded to a new version (4.5.1 P1) on Sunday, June 23rd.

Users will <u>not</u> be able to access Coeus Premium and Lite on June 23rd from 8am to 2pm.

The new version of Coeus 4.5.1 P1 has various enhancements for Proposal Development Users:

- New Investigator Certification Process
- Sponsor Related Questions removed from YNQ Section and only asked when needed for a Federal/Grants.gov submission
- Narrative Uploads in Premium recall the last folder the attachment was selected from
- Coeus Lite Enhancements
  - Ability to add Science Code
  - Ability to upload Subaward Budgets
- System Generated Subaward Line Items based on the Details of the Uploaded Subaward Budget
- Track Subaward Cost Sharing
- Current & Pending Report includes activity of "Key Person"
- Enhanced Budgeting for NRSA Training

In addition, this release has new functionality for electronic IACUC Protocol Submission & Routing.

We have scheduled a few informational sessions that will go over the changes in the new release. You do not need to register for these sessions and a document of all the changes will be posted to the Coeus Web Site.

Informational Sessions scheduled:

Monday, June 24, 2013
1:00 PM – 4:00PM
121 South Main Street
4th Floor Room 408

Thursday, June 27, 2013
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Kassar House – Foxboro Auditorium
151 Thayer Street

Monday, July 1, 2013
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Robert Center – Petteruti Lounge
75 Waterman Street

TRAINING

OSP TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Sponsored Projects Trainings will Travel this summer

While Sponsored Projects Trainings are not scheduled during the summer, we do offer to "travel" to departments to conduct trainings upon request.

If you would like to schedule one of the training sessions below for your department, please contact resadmin@brown.edu or call OSP – 863-2777.

Sponsored Projects Trainings

Coeus : Advanced Budgeting
Coeus : Premium Budgeting Basics
Coeus : Premium Proposal Creation and Finalization
Coeus : Proposal Hierarchy
Coeus : Viewing Proposal and Award Information
Coeus: Lite Proposal Development-New Users COEUS: How does COEUS populate your Grants.gov forms?
Post Award – Allocation of Costs
Post Award - Direct Charging Administrative Costs
Post Award – Effort Reporting
Post Award - Financial Closeout of Sponsored Projects
Post Award - Supporting Documentation and Justification
Post Award - Traveling on Sponsored Funds
Post Award – Xtrain
Post Award- Commitments
Post Award- Cost Transfers
Pre Award: Cost Sharing on Sponsored Projects Post Award
Pre Award: Introduction to Grant Budgets
Pre Award: NIH Assorted Training - Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Individual Fellowships
Pre Award: Reading the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
Pre Award: Research Equipment & Property Management
Subcontracts Demystified

To view descriptions of the classes, please navigate to www.brown.edu/learningpoint ~ The training classes can be found by clicking on the "*Sponsored Research Related Training*" from your homepage.

ABOUT OSP TRAINING

The Office of Sponsored Projects is pleased to offer numerous training opportunities for faculty and staff. Topics Include:

- **Coeus Training**
  - *Learn how to use the University's sponsored projects management system.*
- **Pre-Award Training**
  - *Learn best practices in Pre-Award management. Sessions range from preparation of proposals and budgets to negotiation of award terms & conditions.*
- **Post-Award Training**
  - *Learn best practices in Post-Award management. Sessions ranging from travel on sponsored projects to allocation of costs.*

Sponsored Projects Training Sessions are now on LearningPoint, Brown's Professional Development System.
~ To register for classes, please navigate to www.brown.edu/learningpoint and log in using your Brown User Name and Password.
~ The training classes can be found by clicking on the "*Sponsored Research Related Training*" from your homepage.

CONFERENCES & NCURA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration
Baltimore, MD
June 26-June 28
- This Seminar is intended to help demystify the application and review process, clarify Federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern.
- For more information and registration, click here

NCURA 55th Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
August 4-7, 2013
- Registration and hotel block will open in early April, click here