Research Administration Lunch & Learn

December 2017

- New Animal Welfare Assurance number
- Funding Agency Updates
- fCOI Webpage enhancements
- ePAWS Enhancements
- Grants.gov Workspace Training Update
- I-Team: College Admin Survey
- NSF Annual Training

New Animal Welfare Assurance number

- Northeastern's Animal Welfare Assurance number has changed format … use D16-00095
- Northeastern's effective AAALAC accreditation date is July 22, 1987

NSF Updates

NSF Progress Reports:

- Be sure to use the Interim Project guidelines, not "interim and final" guidelines.

- Confirm that individuals are not working on the NSF project but paid by another federal award

○ NIFA

OSTP/OMB Policy Letter on Interim Project Reporting

RPPR Format For Interim Project Reporting

- RPPR Format as approved by OMB/OSTP
- RPPR Format associated with the second Federal Register Notice

RPPR Data Dictionary For Interim Project Reporting

- RPPR Data Dictionary
- RPPR Data Dictionary Guide

Federal Register Notices on Interim Research Performance Progress Reporting

What individuals have worked on the project?

Provide the following information for: (1) principal investigator(s)/project director(s) (PIs/PDs); and (2) each person who has worked at least one person month per year on the project during the reporting period, regardless of the source of compensation (a person month equals approximately 160 hours of effort).

NSF Updates

The new PAPPG will be effective for **proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 29, 2018**. Significant changes include:

- Implementation of the standard **Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) template** that has been in pilot phase since April

  NOTE information requested in prior versions of the PAPPG is no longer requested

- **Project Description**: must contain "Intellectual Merit" section

- **Budget Justification**: increased page limit to five pages

- **Senior Personnel Salaries & Wages Policy:** definition of "year" tbd

- **Indirect Costs:** should be specified in justification

- **Data Management Plan:** additional guidance on content

NSF Updates

[November/December NSF newsletter is available](#)

- Coming Spring 2018: Revised account management will consolidate multiple NSF User logins to a single user login
- April 2018: prepare and submit non-collaborative proposals in Research.gov, running in parallel with Fastlane
- Public Access Policy: ensure articles in peer-reviewed papers are easily available in public access compliant repository

NIH Updates

NIH Statement on Article Publication Resulting from NIH Funded Research

November 3, 2017 NOT-OD-18-011

- To protect the credibility of published research, authors are encouraged to publish papers arising from NIH-funded research in reputable journals
- Avoid publishing in journals that do not have a clearly stated and rigorous peer review process
- NIH encourages publishers to follow established industry best practices

NIH Updates

Reminder: Clinical Trial Specific FOAs

- For applications due on/after January 25, 2018, **Be Careful to Pick the Right Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**

RPPRs

- Participant Section: All individuals listed (including students) must have a eRA Commons ID to avoid submission errors.

Refreshed fCOI webpage

ePAWS Enhancements

- Based on user feedback, several enhancements are in process...Delayed, but coming January 2018

- Coming in 2018...ePaws 2.0! Enhanced ePaws, including electronic post award transaction processing, for example:

- Automated coordination of award acceptance/verification of compliance

- Electronic routing of institutional prior approvals (advance account requests through close out reports)

- Spring 2018 - requesting your input on requirements, followed by beta-testing...Stay tuned!

Grants.gov Workspace Training

- ORAF hosted a town hall demo/training session for the user community on 12/6/17

- Can hold another session in January if needed (1/10 @1:30pm or 1/17 @1pm)

- How to pre-populate Organizational information...

I-Team: College Admin Survey Coming!

- Integration Team, or I-Team, was commissioned by Provost in summer 2017 (Leader: Art Kramer; members: RA, RF, OGC, Faculty, RC, ITS)

- Charge: recommend improvements to research administration processes at Northeastern

- Gathering input from all stakeholders

- College Admins: administering a LIVE electronic confidential survey via your mobile device/laptop

- SAVE THE DATE: Friday, January 19 @3pm - Raytheon/Egan

NSF Annual Compliance Training

As of 12/8/17...

	Count of Last Name	FA17 Completion ▾		
	Coll ▾	Complete		Grand Total
5	Bouvé College of Health Sciences	9	15	24
5	Business Services	1		1
7	College of Arts, Media and Design	3		3
8	College of Engineering	98	15	113
9	College of Science	59	35	94
0	Computer & Information Science	45		45
1	D'Amore-McKim School of Business		1	1
2	Finance	9	2	11
3	President's Office		1	1
4	Professional Studies		1	1
5	Provost's Office	26	5	31
6	School of Law	1		1
7	Social Sciences and Humanities	6	12	18
8	Grand Total	257	87	344
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1	Percent Complete:	75%		
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http://www.northeastern.edu/research/raf/compliance/nsf-compliance/nsf-training/