

Research Administration Brown Bag Series

March 18, 2021



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Agenda

- NU-RES Admin updates
 - NSF Training
 - Biosketch/Other Support form changes
 - ECLAWs: searching for common names
- DOJ's JustGrants
- NU-RES Finance updates
 - UG Updates
 - Fly America
 - Summer Salary
- Upcoming events

NU-RES Admin Updates

- NSF Training: Additional Live training date scheduled March 24
 - Visit the [NSF Training Page](#) to register
 - ~49% of completions thusfar are through Live Training
 - As of 3/15/21, Overall Percent Completed = 74%
- DOJ JustGrants 2-Step Proposal Submission Process
 - Department of Justice (DOJ) funding opportunities
 - DOJ's JustGrants team is offering [multiple webinar sessions](#) in April on the application submission process

DOJ JustGrants

- On October 15, 2020, the Department of Justice grant making components – the [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS Office\)](#), the [Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#), and the [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#) – transitioned to one grants management system (JustGrants) for all three grant components and a new payment management system (ASAP).
- The proposal submission process for DOJ applications is now a 2-step process, where applicants submit in Grants.gov and **then must to go to JustGrants to finalize the application**. Please see the [JustGrants Website](#) and [Application Submission Checklist](#) for more information
- Questions/concerns (NU-RES@northeastern.edu)

NU-RES Admin Updates (cont)

- NIH Updates:
 - Biosketch/Other Support Report
 - Updated forms and instructions will be required for use for applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2021
 - [NOT-OD-21-073](#)
 - Announcement of Childcare Costs for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Fellows
 - Detailed Application Instructions
 - Each NRSA fellow may request \$2,500 per budget period to defray childcare costs
 - [NOT-OD-21-074](#)

NU-RES Admin Updates (cont)

- Searching for NU Contacts in eCLAWs with common names may be difficult to find them....
 - eCLAWs searches only return the top 5 matches
 - Try different combinations.....first/last, first only, last only
 - If unable to find, contact NU-RES Help Center – will insert the person in your Draft contract by using contacts NUID...
 - Enhancement has been logged on our [Suggested Improvements](#) website to not limit the matches

UG Updates: Highlights

- **2 CFR 200 Subpart E – Cost Principles**
- Pre-award costs 200.458
 - Costs that are incurred prior to the effective date of the Federal award or subaward if allowed by the awarding agency
 - Must be charged to the **initial** budget period of the award, unless otherwise specified by the awarding agency
- Publication and printing costs 200.461
 - Must be charged to the **final** budget period of the award unless otherwise specified by the awarding agency
 - May be charged during the closeout period of the award
 - ****must be done in the 60-90 closeout period or prior in order to recover funds and included in final reports****

UG Updates: Highlights (cont.)

Technology costs 200.471

- Allows costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment such as phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers
- Must be in line with new provision 200.216 which prohibits telecommunication goods/services to be procured by specific vendors, their affiliates and subsidiaries

Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment 200.216

- You can not expend any loan or grant to procure, enter into a new contract, extend contracts with specific companies, their affiliates and subsidiaries
 - Huawei Technologies
 - ZTE Corp
 - Hytera Communications
 - Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology
 - Dahua Technology

Fly America Act – U.K. Update

Open Skies Agreements

U.S. currently has Open Skies Agreements in effect with European Union, Australia, Switzerland, and Japan.

As of January 1, 2021, The United Kingdom (U.K.) is no longer a member of the EU. Consequently, the Open Skies Agreement with the EU does not pertain to the U.K. Travelers must use a U.S. Flag Carrier to travel from the U.S. to the U.K. and not a U.K. airline (e.g., British Airways), unless they use a different Fly America Act exception. Travelers may continue to use an EU agreement for travel from the U.S. to the U.K. as long as the flight stops in the EU prior to arrival in the U.S. or the U.K.

<https://www.gsa.gov/policy-regulations/policy/travel-management-policy/fly-america-act>

Summer Salary 2021

- Announcement and guidelines coming out shortly from the Provost Office
- Request must come to Research Finance at least 5 days before the payroll deadline for processing in the next payroll run
- COVID questions will no longer be needed, however you must always include a justification/description of what work is being performed in section 2 of the form:

Section 1: Employee Information				
NUID	First Name	Last Name	Position Number	Employee Class
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Section 2: Pay Information				
Description of Work Rationale				
<input type="text"/>				

- [Tools & Resources](#)

Upcoming events

- NU-RES Fall events can be found on the [NU-RES Events Calendar](#)
 - Next up:
 - [NSF Training](#) – remaining date available: March 24
 - [Virtual Satellite Office Hours](#), Thursday's 1:30-2:30pm