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1 NEW FEDERAL-WIDE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AVAILABLE

The Office of Management and Budget recently published the final Research Terms and Conditions (RTC) to address the Uniform Guidance. More information can be found in the Federal Register notice at https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-14/html/2017-04955.htm

As the official web host of participating agency documents relating to Research Terms and Conditions impacting all federal agencies, the National Science Foundation (NSF) made available the new Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions (RTC). The Office of Sponsored Projects highly recommends that all individuals involved in the administration of sponsored awards at Yale become familiar with the new Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions (RTC).

The following Research Terms and Conditions tools are available now:

- April 2017 - Research Terms and Conditions Overlay with Uniform Guidance
- April 2017 Appendix A - Research Terms and Conditions Appendix A Prior Approval Matrix
- April 2017 Appendix B - Research Terms and Conditions Appendix B Subaward Requirements
- April 2017 Appendix C - National Policy Requirements

As background, the Federal-Wide Research Terms and Conditions (RTCs) originated from a Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) initiative. FDP, a non-profit association of federal agencies, academic institutions (administrative, faculty and technical), and research policy organizations, was established to increase research productivity by streamlining the administrative process and minimizing the administrative burden on principal investigators while maintaining effective stewardship of federal funds.

Please contact your OSP Award Manager if you need assistance with interpreting the new RTCs.
**NSF Announces a New Pilot Requiring the Use of a Spreadsheet Template for Identifying Collaborators and Other Affiliations Information**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) will introduce a new pilot on April 24th that requires the use of a spreadsheet template for identifying Collaborators and Other Affiliations information for Principal Investigators (PIs), Co-PIs, and other senior project personnel identified in proposals. NSF affirms that not only will the spreadsheet template reduce administrative burden it will also improve efficiencies for submitters. The spreadsheet will be an added benefit to the merit review process and is compliant with NSF guidelines. It is in a reusable format allowing for the information to be maintained and used in subsequent proposal submissions to NSF.

**Basic information about the new template:**

- Has been developed to be fillable. The content and format requirements, however, must not be altered by submitters.

- Must be saved in .xlsx or .xls formats and directly uploaded into FastLane as a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Single Copy Document.

- Will be converted by FastLane from an .xlsx or .xls file to a PDF file.

- Has been tested in Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, and LibreOffice.

- Will enable preservation of searchable text that otherwise would be lost. Must be uploaded in .xlsx or .xls formats only. Uploading a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Single Copy Document in any other format may delay the timely processing and review of your proposal.

- Will be directly linked in FastLane. The template and associated instructions may also be accessed directly at: [https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp).

The new Collaborators and Other Affiliations pilot will only be for FastLane proposal submissions. Grants.gov proposal submissions will continue to follow the instructions in NSF Grants.gov Application Guide Chapter VI.2.4.
3 NSF PROSPECTIVE NEW Awardee Guide (January 2017)

NSF posted the January 2017 Prospective New Awardee Guide. The 2017 changes reflect new references to the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) and removes references to the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG), Part I and the Award and Administration Guide (AAG), Part II. All other content remains the same.

4 HRSA Updates Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) to Improve Navigation

On April 7, 2017 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released a new redesigned EHBs Home Page. The new site includes enhanced navigation, new home page, getting started, help videos and much more. The following are links to the user guide and a quick reference guide:

- EHBs Home Page and Navigation Quick Reference Guide – A 2-page listing of the EHBs Home page and Navigation features

5 NSF Updates FAQs about Public Access to Research Results

On March 7, 2017, the National Science Foundation (NSF) published answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) concerning public access to research results (NSF-17-060). Learn more in the special report: Public Access to Results of NSF-funded Research.

6 NIH Markets New LRP Ambassador Program

NIH’s Loan Repayment Programs (LRP) aims to keep promising young investigators in active biomedical research careers. To help spread the word about the NIH Loan Repayment Programs, NIH recently launched a new and improved network to connect potential LRP applicants with former and current LRP applicants.

awardees. Through the new program, LRP ambassadors serve as a personalized link/connection between programs and potential applicants at their home institutions, providing advice and encouragement regarding the LRP application process.

A new LRP Ambassador Program web page assists ambassadors in spreading the word, with resources such as a toolkit loaded with information to help ambassadors learn more about the LRPs, an ambassador directory to assist individuals in locating LRP ambassadors near them, and other outreach materials that will help advise potential candidates on how to begin and navigate the LRP application process. Past and present LRP awardees, mentors, supervisors, and institutional representatives are eligible to become an ambassador.

Source: Extramural Nexus, National Institutes of Health, posted March 6, 2017.

7 **ERA ENHANCEMENTS: xTRACT ENHANCEMENTS**

NIH recently announced that effective March 21, 2017 the following enhancements were made to xTRACT, an NIH system that allows users to create research training tables for progress reports and institutional training grant applications.

**Participating Faculty Upload:**
The length of each faculty member’s research interest is now validated, and an error message is displayed if it exceeds the maximum of 60 characters.

**Copy RTD Features:**
The issue with some users encountering an unexpected error when attempting to copy a prior RTD has been corrected.

**Correct Mean Values Displayed Properly:**
The display issue that sometimes occurred when preparing the data for Predoctoral Applicants/Entrants and the mean values for Total Applicant Pool and Applicants Eligible for Support displayed on the Summary tab in reverse order has been corrected. *Note that this display issue only affected the values displayed on the screen under the Summary tab – when viewing these same values in the Preview or Finalized PDF, they have always been presented in the correct order.*