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NEW PROCESS FOR DISCLOSING FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A hot issue for academic research institutions, especially those with significant federally-funded activity, is the disclosure and management of financial conflicts of interest. The University of Miami is no exception, and we are updating the process by which we gather financial conflict of interest information.

As of December 1, all grant applications and proposed contracts with outside agencies must include financial conflict of interest disclosures for all faculty, trainees, and staff that are named in the grant application or contract budget.

Additional details will follow over the next several weeks. See page 3 for details on a new web-based tutorial about financial conflicts of interest from the National Institutes of Health. If you have questions on University policies, contact our compliance coordinator, Jerry Engel: j.engel@miami.edu.



Catch up on new federal policies here in *Sponsored Programs News!*

NEW NIH RESUBMISSION POLICY

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) changed their policy for resubmitting/amending applications, with the goal of funding high quality applications earlier, with fewer resubmissions.

If you are applying to the NIH for funding, here's what the new policy means to you:

- » If you submit an original (i.e., never submitted) or competing renewal application that is due on January 25 or later, the NIH will only accept a single amended application.
- » If, after two submissions (i.e., the original and the single amendment), you fail to receive funding, you will have to substantially redesign the project rather than simply change the application in response to previous reviews.
- » If you are submitting an amended application you will no longer have a time limit for the application's acceptance (the restriction of amendments to a two-year window was removed).

» [View the policy.](#)

Course Descriptions for October-November

Course	Instructor-Led or Computer Based?	Date, Time, & Location	Description	Who Should Attend?	Enrollment
Finding Funding					
Navigating SpinPlus	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Learn how to use SPIN and SMARTS as tools to find funding opportunities.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Proposal Development					
InfoEd Proposal Development Hands-on Workshop	Instructor-Led by Maria Valero-Martinez	November 19 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Medical Campus, Dominion Towers Computer Lab, 10th Floor	Receive hands-on instruction on electronically submitting NIH applications through InfoEd Proposal Development.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Developing a Realistic Proposal Budget	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Identify the “do’s” and “don’ts” of budget planning and examine the process of preparing a budget for a proposal, following standards.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
InfoEd Overview: “Understanding InfoEd” Series (Modules 1 & 2)	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	Identify the basic elements of the InfoEd system for developing NIH grant applications.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Award Administration					
Sponsored Programs Education Workshop	Instructor-Led by Sofia Aymerich	October 29 9-11 a.m. Medical Campus, Dominion Towers Conference Room, 10th Floor	This workshop covers the fiscal and compliance issues of pre- and post-award management, as well as the grant process, from finding funding opportunities to closing an account.	Researchers & Research Administrators Required for key personnel on proposals. Space is limited.	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Time & Effort Certification	Instructor-Led by Judith Mallon	November 4 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Medical Campus, Dominion Towers Conference Room, 10th Floor	This hands-on workshop will provide you with the necessary tools to certify the effort of the personnel involved in your research projects.	Researchers, Research Administrators & Clinical Coordinators	Contact Judith Mallon: jmallon@miami.edu
*The Good, the Bad & the Ugly of Cost Transfers	Speakers: Maria Valero-Martinez & Sofia Aymerich	November 6 12-1 p.m. Medical Campus, Batchelor Building, Baxter Conference Room	Learn how to reduce the need for cost transfers and properly document them.	Researchers & Research Administrators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Human Subjects Research					
**Whole Genome Sequencing: Ethical, Legal, & Social Issues	Speaker: Kenneth Goodman, Bioethics Program Director	October 28 12-1 p.m. Medical Campus, Mailman Center for Child Development, 8th Floor Auditorium	Genetic tests may raise ethical issues, including sharing results with patients and the appropriate secondary use of data. These issues are magnified with the success of whole genome sequencing.	Researchers & Clinical Coordinators	http://miami.edu/ulearn
Human Subjects Research	Computer-Based	Complete online, anytime.	The Collaborative Institutional Review Board [IRB] Training Initiative (CITI) provides research ethics education.	Researchers	http://citiprogram.org

*This course is part of the “Sponsored Programs Roundtable Series” which is scheduled on the first and third Thursday of every month.

**This course is part of the “Human Subjects Protection Series” which is scheduled on the last Tuesday of every month.

FCOI TUTORIAL ONLINE

A new [web-based tutorial](#) reviews the requirements for compliance with NIH regulations about financial conflicts of interest (FCOI). The tutorial is designed to augment, rather than replace, institutional training programs. A Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the tutorial is also available.

FIND COURSES VIA ULEARN

- » Login to <http://miami.edu/ulearn>. For questions about your username and password, e-mail: ulearn@miami.edu.
- » Scroll down and click on the “Research Administration & Sponsored Programs” category and/or any of the subcategories.
- » Select a course and click “register” or “launch.”

HAVE U HEARD?

Researchers:

Who is considered a new investigator on NIH applications?

For the purpose of review and funding, applicants are considered new investigators if they have not previously served as principal investigators (PIs) on any public health service-supported research project other than a small grant (R03), an academic research enhancement award (R15), an exploratory/developmental grant (R21), or certain mentored research career development awards for those at the beginning of their research career (K01, K08, K22, K23, K25, K99/R00). Current or past recipients of independent scientist and other non-mentored career awards (K02, K04, K05, K24, and K26) are not considered new investigators.

- » [Visit the NIH glossary.](#)

Research Administrators:

New Grants.gov Blog

Last summer, Grants.gov started its own [blog](#) with helpful information about electronic grants management. Recent postings include a really simple syndication (RSS) tutorial. RSS feeds deliver frequently updated web content. In the coming months, Grants.gov will no longer send out daily e-mail notifications of new grant opportunities, but will instead post the information in real-time via RSS feeds.

You can also find interesting articles and resources in the reference library on the new Grants.gov blog.



NEW TO THE UNIVERSITY?

If you are new to the University of Miami, before you submit a proposal to the NIH, make sure your NIH commons profile is affiliated with the University (your commons user ID will not change). Please contact Research Administration or the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS) Sponsored Programs Team for [assistance](#).

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