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Distinguish Yourself (or your PI)!

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**ORCID**

**HOW**

- Create account
  - Fast and free
- Update profile
  - Import works from databases like Scopus
- Use the ID
  - Integrate with SciENcv
  - Submit to Publishers
  - Apply for grants
  - Include on faculty webpage.

**WHY**

- Complements PubMed/Profiles
  - Is more accurate and vetted
  - Can be modified
- Easy to update
  - Using integrated tools like Scopus
- Becoming more common
  - Funders
  - Publishers

http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/orcid
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FROM: Diego Vazquez, Assistant Vice Provost, Research Funding Services
DATE: June 26, 2015
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• Guidance for Reporting Publications for Institutional Training, Career Development, and Related Awards applies to the following activity codes: T15, T32, TL1, T34, TL4, T35, T90, R25, RL5, R90, RL9, K12, KM1, KL2, D43, D71, DP7, U2R, and U45.
  
  – Trainee, scholar, and participant publications must be reported in section C.1 of the RPPR if:
  1. the publication was accepted for publication or published during the reporting period; and
  2. the publication resulted from work conducted while the individual was supported by the award (i.e., receiving a stipend or salary from the award).

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Subrecipient Monitoring Requirements – Upcoming Changes

• OMB Uniform Guidance requires federal award prime recipients to monitor subawards to ensure subrecipients meet audit requirements and use funds in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and terms of the award.

• UMMS PI’s and departments will need to document their subrecipient monitoring efforts.

• RFS is working with Grant Accounting to finalize monitoring tools to assist departments with their monitoring responsibilities.
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Listing Non-Key Faculty and Post-Docs on Proposal Routing Forms (PRF)

- In order to capture an individual’s full involvement in grant projects using the Biographical Sketch Dashboard (BSD) in SUMMIT we have created the “Other” coding category for use in the PRF.
- This category should be used when an individual is not listed as key personnel on the project.
- It will allow for the individual’s information to be captured in the BSD and will facilitate the development and maintenance of the individual’s biosketch.
- The only additional signature required on the PRF when using the Other category is that of the Department Administrator of the individual listed.
- Multi-PI’s & Co-Investigator’s listed on the PRF will still require Chair signature.

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Updating Proposal Submission Dates Using SUMMIT Pre-Award Dashboard

- REMINDER – UMMS administration will be reviewing proposal submission and success rate metrics housed in the SUMMIT pre-award dashboard.
  - For non-Cayuse proposals previously submitted that appear as “In Process” without a Date Submitted, use the RFS Submitted Proposal Form link to update the status.
  - **Please note that this is not an electronic process. The form must be completed and submitted to RFS for updating.**
  - There are currently a significant amount of proposals out there with submit dates that have yet to be submitted to RFS for updating.
- A job aid is available on Financial Services website at:
  - [http://inside.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/Pre%20Award%20Dashboard_040314.docx](http://inside.umassmed.edu/uploadedFiles/Pre%20Award%20Dashboard_040314.docx)
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Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-111

Key Dates

**Release Date:** June 17, 2015

Related Announcements

NOT-OD-14-084

Issued by

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose

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Inquiries

Please direct all inquiries to:

Division of Grants Policy
Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA)
Office of Extramural Research
National Institutes of Health
Telephone: 301-435-0949
Email: GrantsPolicy@od.nih.gov

**Weekly TOC for this Announcement**
**NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices**
Applicant Responsibilities in Maintaining the Integrity of NIH Peer Review

Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-106

Key Dates
Release Date: June 18, 2015

Related Announcements
NOT-OD-14-073

Issued by
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose

The NIH is fully committed to maintaining public trust in the NIH research enterprise. Attempts to influence the outcome of the peer review process through inappropriate or unethical means result in needless expenditure of government funds and resources, and erode public trust in science. Thus, all participants in the process, including investigators named on an NIH grant application, and officials of institutions applying for NIH support, are expected to respect the integrity of NIH peer review.

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NIH Statement

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- Pursuing a referral for government-wide suspension or debarment.
- Notifying the NIH Office of Management Assessment (OMA) with possible referral to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG).

Inquiries

Please direct all inquiries to:

Sally A. Amero, Ph.D.
NIH Review Policy Officer
ReviewPolicyOfficer@mail.nih.gov

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NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices

Note: For help accessing PDF, RTF, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Audio or Video files, see Help
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Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-105

Key Dates
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Related Announcements
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NOT-OD-13-120
NOT-OD-13-112
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NOT-OD-13-079
NOT-OD-12-139

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Purpose

This Notice is intended to remind and reiterate the implementation timeline, previously announced in NOT-OD-14-103, for the NIH transition to new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) payment policies for domestic, non-competing continuation awards and use of Payment Management System (PMS) subaccounts.

**Implementation Timeline Reminder**

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Applicable Policies for Non-Competing Continuation Awards

A Subaccount Transitional FFR for all intent and purpose is equated to an annual FFR. Applicable policies for non-competing continuation awards include:

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Unliquidated Obligations on the Subaccount Transitional FFR: If there are unliquidated obligations at the end of the first "administratively shortened" competitive segment, these may be reported on the subaccount transitional FFR expenditure data report.

Subaccount Transitional FFR for converted SNAP awards: If the award is under Streamlined Non-competing Award Process (SNAP), the grantee will be required to submit subaccount transitional FFR expenditure data that covers the project period from the original start date through the new project period end date.

Due Date for Progress Reports: There will be no change to the due dates, submission, or review of...
progress reports for domestic awards for FY 2016.

Recipients should use the SF-425 as they would for an annual FFR and mark “annual” in box 6. Additionally, grantees should enter “Subaccount Transitional FFR” in box 12.

Please see below for procedural changes in carryover of funds for non-competing continuation awards issued in FY 2016.

Carryover Funds and Federal Financial Reports for Domestic Non-Competing Continuation Awards during FY 2015 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016)

The requirement to submit the Subaccount Transitional FFR for non-competing continuation awards is to ensure that approved balances will be transferred to the PMS P subaccount and made available to the grantee. This requirement does not change the carryover authority listed in Section III of the NoA. If the award was issued with automatic carryover authority, OFM will automatically authorize the carryover in the PMS P subaccount equal to the amount of unobligated balance reported on the FFR. If the award was issued without carryover authority, OFM will automatically transfer the unobligated balance reported on the FFR to the PMS P subaccount; however, the grantee will still be required to submit a prior approval request to use carryover funds as detailed in the NIH Grants Policy Statement, Section 8.1.1.1. Failure to submit this Subaccount Transitional FFR will affect the availability of those and future funds.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

NIH has posted updated answers to frequently asked questions on the transition to PMS subaccounts on the following site: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/payment/faqs.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/payment/faqs.htm) based on this implementation timeline.

Inquiries

Please direct all inquiries to:

**Division of Grants Policy**  
Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration  
Office of Extramural Research  
Telephone: 301-435-0949  
Email: GrantsPolicy@od.nih.gov

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Clarifying Publication Reporting Instructions for Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) and Renewal Applications

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Purpose

This Notice clarifies which publications should be included in progress reports and renewal applications for institutional training, career development, and related awards.

Background

Since 2008, compliance with the NIH public access policy has been a statutory requirement and a term and condition of all grants, cooperative agreements and contracts. A fundamental premise of NIH’s public access policy is that awardees are responsible for ensuring that papers directly resulting from their funding award are made accessible to the public on PubMed Central. When awardees list a paper in the progress report publication list of an RPPR or a renewal application, they are claiming that the publication directly arises from that award and the awardee is responsible for the public access compliance of the listed publications. This notice clarifies which papers directly arise from institutional training, career development, and related awards to reduce the burden of unnecessary reporting.

Guidance for Reporting Publications for Institutional Training, Career Development, and Related Awards

This guidance applies to the following activity codes: T15, T32, TL1, T34, TL4, T35, T90, R25, RL5, R90, RL9, K12, KM1, KL2, D43, D71, DP7, U2R, and U45.

- Trainee, scholar, and participant publications must be reported in section C.1 of the RPPR if:
  1. the publication was accepted for publication or published during the reporting period; and
  2. the publication resulted from work conducted while the individual was supported by the award (i.e., receiving a stipend or salary from the award).

- Publications resulting from work conducted while not actively supported by the institutional training, career development, or related award should not be reported in section C.1.

General Reminders

- Awardees are responsible for ensuring publications are deposited into the NIHMS upon acceptance
for publication.

- Authors can use the Applicability & Submission Method Wizard (http://publicaccess.nih.gov/determine-applicability.htm) to learn how to bring their publication into compliance and report it to NIH.
- Investigators, authors and delegates can track public access compliance in My Bibliography (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/). Program Directors/Principal Investigators may wish to track publications they do not author in the collection Other Citations (see the My Bibliography FAQ for more instructions). Other Citations is especially helpful for managing institutional training grants and complex awards.
- NIH recommends investigators or their delegates check the public access compliance of all the papers directly arising from their award at least once a quarter.

Inquiries

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