Hot Topics
GMUN Meeting – September 2009

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Topics of Interest

- E-Verify Requirements for Federal Contracts
- Changes to NIH SF424 and 398 Forms
- New Assurance & Reporting for Graduate Training Awards
- Changes to NIH 2590 Forms
  - Postdocs & eRA Commons IDs
  - EGMS update
E-Verify Requirements

- Federal contracts/subcontract awards over $100K only
- Screens for eligibility to legally work in US
- Timetables:
  - Must screen existing employees hired after 11/6/86 within 90 days of contract start date or 30 days after they join a project already in progress
  - All new employees hired after June 1, 2009 are screened as part of the hire process (must be screened within 3 days of hire)
- HR Online I-9 Job Aid for E-Verify on SPA web site
- Keep a record of the employee having been screened in your project files
Coming Soon: NIH Restructured 398/SF-424 Applications


- Implementation of peer review goal: Align the structure and content of applications with review criteria, and shorten the length of applications

- Three sections of application instructions to be revised:
  - Research Plan
  - Biographical Sketch
  - Resources and Facilities

- Shorter Page Limits
Restructured Application Forms/Instructions must be used for due dates on/after **January 25, 2010**

- New FOAs are being posted without electronic application packages
- By December, new application packages will be posted, along with new Parent Announcements, and updated active FOAs
- **You must return to the FOA** to download the new forms and instructions for 1/25/10 due dates
- Resubmissions must use new application forms and instructions (and shorter page limits)
Research Plan Changes

- **New Research Strategy** section will replace 3 sections of the current Plan (Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies/Progress Report, and Research Design and Methods).

- **Research Strategy** will have 3 subsections:
  - Significance
  - Innovation
  - Approach
    - Preliminary studies for new applications
    - Progress report for renewal/revision applications
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Biographical Sketch Changes

• **Personal Statement:** Tell us why your experience and qualifications make you particularly well-suited for your role in the project

• **Publications:** Include no more than 15, and make selections based on recency, importance to the field, and/or relevance to the application

• **Page limit remains at 4**
Facilities and Resource Changes

• Provide a description of how the scientific environment will contribute to the probability of success of the project

• For Early Stage Investigators, describe the institutional investment in the success of the investigator

• In Select Agent Section of Research Plan describe the biocontainment resources available at all performance sites
New Assurance & Reporting for Graduate Training Awards


• Applies only to doctoral degree granting institutions receiving: D43, TU2, T15, T32, T37, T90, U2R, U90, and U54/TL1
• Assurance that institution will disclose to doctoral applicants:
  – % of students admitted who attained a doctoral degree
  – Average time until receipt of doctoral degree
• Report same info to NIH on Table 12A of Institutional Research Training Data Tables
eRA Commons ID Required for Postdocs on Progress Reports


- All Personnel Report implemented as part of Progress Report (effective 10/01/2009)
- Report those in a postdoctoral role who participate for one person month or more
- Provide Commons ID for postdocs

Contact Robert Delutri in SPA to obtain an eRA Commons account for your postdoc. Postdocs will be assigned the new Commons Postdoctoral role
Revised Progress Report


• Use required for 2590’s due 10/01/2009 or later
• eSNAP changes will be released 10/09/2009
• Policy changes:
  – All Personnel Report (PD/PIs & all > 1 person month)
  – Assurance for Institutions with Awards for Grad Student Training for Doctoral Degrees
  – Describe any change to innovative potential
  – Biosketch (peer review initiative change)
  – Question regarding hESC change

E-SNAP Grace period to Nov 1st!

EGMS updates to be released 11/22